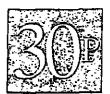
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Labour supports stop-and-search powers as IRA blitz is feared to mark Easter Rising

# Anti-terrorist law rushed in by Howard

By Richard Ford and Jill Sherman

EMERGENCY laws giving the police the right to stop and search terrorist suspects are to be rushed through Parliament today amid fears of an IRA Easter bomb campaign.

The sweeping new measures to allow the police to search people, buildings and freight cargo to flush out terrorists and their armoury of bombs, explosives and guns is expected to law by tomorrow.

Michael Howard unveiled the package of changes to the Prevention of Terrorism Act yesterday, saying they were urgently needed to counter the renewed IRA threat since the end of the ceasetire. Security sources had indicated to that they feared attacks over the weekend as the rebublican movement prepares to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Easter Rising in Dublin on Sunday.

Labour has promised not to obstruct the passage of the legislation, but some of the party's MPs joined the Liberal Democrats and civil liberties organisations in criticising the

measures. Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, was briefed by ministers and senior police officers last week and he indicated last night that while Labour would not oppose the measures, he would seek safeguards. Nevertheless, up to 25 of his colleagues, led by the former Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, are expected to vote against the legislation. Under the new law, an assistant chief constable or

prore senior officer will be able

to react to intelligence reports suggesting terrorist activity by declaring a district a "specified area" for up to 28 days. Within that area, officers will be able to stop and search pedestrians even if they do not have a reasonable suspicion that they are involved in planning a terrorist act. Anyone who refuses to be searched could face a £5,000 fine or six

months in jail. The police will decide the size of the designated area, but they will have to justify that decision to the Home Secretary within 48 hours. The initial 28-day period can be extended for further intervals

of the same length. At the moment, police chiefs may stop pedestrians and search their baggage, but they are not allowed to look for devices that may be hidden in their clothing.



"It's not perfect but he never gets searched"

The new rules, which will bring the mainland into line with the law in Northern Ireland, will also allow police search non-residential buildings if they have intelligence that terrorist materials are being stored in a particular area. For example, they could obtain a warrant to search a block of lock-up garages where at present they must identify each garage to be searched.

And in an attempt to curb the smuggling of bombs into Britain, officers are to have power to search unaccompanied goods at ports. At present, Customs officers can search freight to seize contraband but police may not search for anti-terrorist

The police are also to be ven statutory power to cordon off areas where there is a terrorist threat or after an explosion, and powers to impose temporary parking restrictions where there is a threat to premises such as vernment buildings or royal residences.

Mr Howard's announcement provoked strong criticism from civil liberties organisations which feared that innocent people would be harassed. John Wadham, director of Liberty, said: "Six hundred people were arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act last year and not one of them was convicted of any offence. Without a Bill of Rights it is appallingly easy for the Government to rush through such ill thought-out



harass the innocent than to catch the guilty."

Sources close to the Home Secretary made clear last night that the police have been pressing the Government to increase stop-and-search powers since the bombing in London's Docklands that marked the end of the IRA ceasefire on February 9. The police submitted proposals early last month, but the Home Secretary had then had to consider the best way to

incorporate them into early

before going ahead.

Mr Shaw was given a briefing by police yesterday, when the need for changes before the Easter Rising anniversary was emphasised. His agreement to abstain was in line with Labour's decision last month not to vote against the renewal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

That decision - the first time in 13 years that the party had not voted against the legislation -- prompted a rebellion by 25 Labour MPs, the

Tory MP ready to topple

Last night, the rebels were meeting to discuss their tactics and they are expected to vote against the Government today. Other Labour MPs will follow the party line, even though they suspect Mr Howard of deliberately rushing through the Bill to ensure maximum political damage to Mr Blair before the Staffordshire South-East by-election

next Thursday. They believe

that ministers will exploit any

splits as evidence that the

party is not wholly committed

on crime. Tory business managers have at the same time been let off the hook over the Family Law Bill, which was to have been debated in the Commons today, when a sizeable backbench rebellion was

today's Bill with a White

Paper on tougher sentencing

on Wednesday would mean-

while be able to portray the

Government as being tough

expected. Richard Tilt is to be the fulltime Director-General of the

contract worth 577,000 a year plus a performance-related bonus, it was announced yesterday. His predecessor, Derek Lewis, was paid £125,000 with a possible bonus of up to £35,000.

Mr Tilt, 51, who took over after Mr Lewis was dismissed in October, is the first former governor to head the service. He has served as a governor at Wellingborough, Gartree and Bedford jails as well as working at prison service headquarters and in the Home

# Hogg puts case for aid to kill 4m cattle

By James Landale in Luxembourg AND MICHAEL HORNSBY

BRITAIN yesterday proposed the destruction of up to 4.6 million cattle over the next six wears in an attempt to end the trisis over "mad cow" disease. At an emergency meeting of European Union farm ministers in Luxembourg, Douglas Hogg, the Minister of Agricul-ture, also called on the EU to pay at least 80 per cent of the cost, which could amount to more than £500 million a year.

The move failed to persuade other ministers to agree to an early lifting of the EU ban on British beef exports worth more than £600 million a year. Mr Hogg pleaded for the ban to be raised, saying it was "in everybody's interest that

the ban is lifted as soon as possible". But as the talks looked set to last long into the night, he admitted: "It will be some time before we can get a lifting of the ban ... But we are pressing for a very early lifting of the ban, which is very important to us and very important to Europe."

Officials at the meeting made it clear last night that other governments wanted measures to restore public confidence in the beef market Continued on page 2, col 5

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### Rift with Saudis threatens exports

A row between Britain and Saudi Arabia is threatening to jeopardise millions of pounds worth of British exports. As BBC's Panorama showed a Saudi public execution, the country's ambassador said that the continued presence in Britain of a Saudi dissident could lead to the cancellation of arms contracts.....Page 13

# Teenagers beat man 'for laugh'

Three sixth-formers at one of Wales's leading schools were sent to a young offenders institution for their violent assault on a church caretaker. The three, who all planned to

# Major over referendum

By Nicholas Wood, Chief Political Correspondent

A CLOSE ally of Michael Heseltine threatened yesterday to bring down the Government if John Major concedes a referendum on a single

Julian Critchley gave the warning as the Prime Minister failed to persuade Kenneth Clarke to abandon his resistance to a euro plebiscite. Mr Major is expected to meet his Chancellor again today to try to break the deadlock before tomorrow's Cabinet meeting. Mr Critchley, MP for Alder-

election on April 11, the Government would have a majority of one and he would be it, given his poor health meant he voted on only the most vital

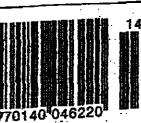
He says in his letter: "I have written to my whip to tell him that under no circumstance would I vote for the Government were it to bow to pressure from the Euro-sceptic wing of the party and include a promise of a referendum on a single currency in the party's

think "hard and long" whether to support it in the vote of confidence that would follow. "By threatening the first, I would like to prevent the second from ever happening." said Mr Critchley.

The MP is for the most part confined to a wheelchair. If he were to oppose the Government in a confidence vote, Mr Major would need the support of minority parties for his Government to survive. It is feasible that either Labour or the Liberal Democrats could But the Aldershot MP denied Continued on page 2, col 6

### election manifesto." to be in place before any go to university, attacked the He added last night that he shot and Mr Heseltine's biograising of the ban could be man "for a laugh" after taking a break from their A-level rapher, says in a letter to would definitely oppose the today's Times that after the Government if a Commons studies to get drunk celebratvote were called. If the Govexpected Tory defeat in the Call for tests, page 4 South East Staffordshire byernment lost, he would then Letters, page 19 \_\_\_Page 3 ing VE-Day

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By HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT IT WAS, perhaps, not surprising that Pepsi-Cola delayed the announcement that it was to paint Concorde blue to match the colour of its new can until

after April 1. Rumours that the company had spent £125,000 to paint an Air France Concorde blue and another £125,000 to paint it white again, had been circulating for some time. But no-one could belive it was serious - least of all British Airways engineers who know that Concordes can fly only if they are pure lily white. They, too, had been asked if they

would allow a Concorde to be painted blue. But they gently pointed out that the aircraft was white for good reason: its nose heats up to about 127C at its cruising height of 55,000 ft and any other paint would peel off. White also reflects the sun's rays and solar and cosmic radiation.

But Pepsi was absolutely serious and with £330 million to spend on revamping its image, only the best would do — whatever the technical objections. So Air France was eventually persuaded to fly one of its six Concordes to Gatwick and paint it blue, even if it could fly only at subsonic speeds in this alien colour. It was also prepared to allow the

Concorde takes trip into the wide blue yonder model Cindy Crawfod and tennis star last night that they were convinced the André Agassi to pretend to be air stewards for the day.

Concorde does not normally land at Gatwick, so suspicions that something was afoot were aroused when one of the Air France fleet flew in, noisily, in the dark of Sunday night.

Local plane spotters swore it was already painted blue - insiders say it acquired its new livery in Paris -- but Air France refused to comment and Gatwick staff said they simply did not know. The jet was towed to a remote hanger, the doors firmly shut and the airliner remained hidden all day. Even senior airport officials were

kept in the dark and it was not until

whole enterprise was not an April Fool's joke.

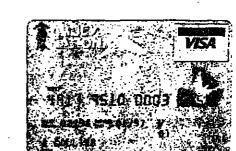
But while details of today's launch of the blue cola can were being kept secret - they were not guarded closely enough. Richard Branson's marketing team got wind of the project and swiftly booked newspaper advertising space to declare: "If the can turns blue

the cola's gone flat." And while Pepsi is launching its new can today, Virgin will reveal details of a hurriedly compiled taste test indicating - surprise - that most people prefer its cola.

So far there has been silence from

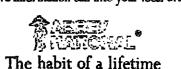
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# Gentleman John kindly lifts the tone

out reason given. Last Thursday John Major. 53, sounded tired and exasperated: Tony Blair, shrilly confident.

Yesterday the Prime Minister, 54, came to the House as Britain's opt-out from the sowarm and funny as we have seen him. Mr Blair sounded cautious, measured and lowkey. It was as though a quarter tablet of Ecstasy had been slipped into Mr Major's tea. while Mr Blair had come off the cocaine. (Not, we hasten to add, that the Labour leader ever was on cocaine: Blair snorts a mysterious new drug called Control.)

The PM was in the chamber help with the BSE crisis that report on the European had filled an empty Monday to report on the European

By RICHARD FORD

HOME CORRESPONDENT

A PRISONER at Holloway

jail was forced to attend court

in her night clothes because no other clothing was available, it was disclosed yesterday.

Underwear and shoes were

not available at the jail, for

instance, for inmates who

were homeless or were for-

eigners whose clothes were

seized when they were

The plight of inmates in the

north London jail, the largest

in the country for women, is disclosed in the annual report

of the Board of Visitors pub-

lished today. The report con-

stitutes an devastating indict-

ment of the jail's management

The unnamed prisoner who

went to court in a pink nylon nightdress was a foreign nat-

ional being held on remand,

but the severe shortage of clothing affected many more women. The Women's Royal

Voluntary Service had been

forced to stop supplying cloth-

ing because its storeroom was

shut for a pharmacy to be built

a year ago, and a parcels office

at which clothing could be left

made and a degradiog situa

tion developed for the women.

Even basic underwear and

shoes were unavailable; one

woman attended court in a

nightie and négligé because

she had nothing else to wear. There is still no clothing

provision, and many women

are dependent on the charity

of staff and volunteers," the

The report is published

report says.

"No alternative plans were

was shut for long periods.

and the regime.

n these crazy, fin de siècle days, moods change so abruptly in politics withand would "pursue" that. He would "outline" this, "put forward" that and "seek" the other. He would be looking for changes to the Article on

cial chapter. We chuckled at the idea of our premier "looking for" amendments to the Article, like a bunch of keys. Gosh. wherever did I put them? On the hall table? As to his chances of finding these mysterious changes, Major was silent. But it is comforting to know the search is on.

It was news about European

'Demeaning, inhumane' conditions

Holloway inmate

had to attend

court in nightie

Ramsbotham: team

withdrawn in protest

three months after Sir David

Ramsbotham, the new Chief

Inspector of Prisons, pulled

his team out of the jail in

It says that substantial amounts of inmates' cash dis-

appeared from registered mail

being sent from within the jail,

and money was also missing

from inmates' cash arriving

Prisoners were regularly

locked in their cells for more

than 20 hours a day, with a

lock-up from 3.30pm-7.30am.

and at weekends, prisoners

only allowed outs of their cells

for as little as one hour a day.

and damaging to the mental

and physical health to keep

women isolated and locked in

their cells with little respite.

Women are not prepared for

return to the community and

officers are demotivated when

they feel they are being treated

as turnkeys", the report states.

Six top-security inmates

'It is demoaning, inhumane

on the wings.

protest at the conditions.



chamber. Here, too, Major's mood was new. He was doing his best (we were to understand) and was by no means pessimistic as to the outcome. He would keep us posted, but regretted that we might be on holiday by the time he had anything to report. Negotia-tion was to be conducted

"speedily". There is something crisply mannered about Major-speak: one gets fond of it. We proceed speedily rather than fast, using "for" where others say

were held on remand at the

jail during last year in single

cells without viewing hatches.

The report says that these

women were routinely locked

in their cells for three or four

days over the weekends with only a few minutes outside.

One woman was held in

these conditions for six

months, which meant that,

over the three to four days, it

would be impossible for her to have a shower or bath or wash

her hair. A young woman, later bailed, became a suicide

In October, four prisoners were found with lice in their

hair, but no officers on the

wings had shampoo with

which to treat the infestation

Within 24 hours, lice had

infested the bed linen in a a

dormitory and five days later.

19 prisoners had lice in their

Rachel Palmer, the outgoing

chairman of the Board of Vis-

itors, said last night: "Things

at the jail were pretty horrify-

ing and pretty worrying. The

failure of the regime led to

inmates being locked up, idle

and isolated. This was damag-

ing to the ethos of the prison

and the lives on inmates.

Holloway failed to meet its

onligations to care for women

and prepare them for life in

the community and as a result

Last December, Janet King,

the governor, was transferred

to Prison Service headquar-

ters and replaced by Mike

Sheldrick. According to

sources at the jail. Mr Shel-

drick has improved conditions

and frequently visits the

wings, talking with inmates.

inmates were degraded."

and neither did the jail shop.

Western Railway notice would print the advice Gentlemen Are Kindly Requested To Lift The Seat, our PM might actually say this. When Major says "shown" one supresses the instinct to write "shewn".

Tony Blair was conciliatory. Tory accusations that his contribution to the mad cow crisis has been inflammatory could hardly have been levelled yesterday. He could not, however, quite resist the temptation to moralise. "Surely the lesson of the weekend," he told Major, had been that being nice to

Europeans pays. Mr Blair would not say Gentlemen Are Kindly Requested To Lift The Seat, but "Surely the lesson of life is that we should leave this lavatory in the condition in which we expect to find it. To do less is to undermine those shared values in which each has a vital stake."

Next, Major told Paddy Ashdown that being in a kindly mode" he would not quote Liberal Democrats. One imagines John cooing over the candlelight to Norma: "Being in a passionate mode, my love

Answering questions, Major was teasing. He was examining "some novel ways", he said in his Mystic Meg voice. "of ensuring that we find the

right beast". He meant the right cow to slaughter. But he would not tell us what these novel ways were. Ducking stools? Is an equivalent of the medieval witchfinder to be

Turning to fisheries, Major told John Redwood: "The fish would be so overfished that there would be no fishing industry left." What an overfished fish looks like was as mysterious as the novel ways of finding the beast.

Tony Banks (Lab, Newham NW) was rude about Baroness Thatcher and so deserved this Major put-down: "I'm pre-pared to consider what the Hon Gentleman says, but not for long, and after considering it I've rejected his proposal."

NEWS IN BUTEL TO THE

# Families want police killer to stay in jail

ight school with the chief

The families of the three policemen shot dead in west London by Harry Roberts 30 years ago have petitioned Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to block any release when he completes his recommended minimum sentence later this year (Lin Jenkins writes). Mr Howard has the power to overturn the decision of the Parole Board should it recommend that Roberts, 59, be freed.

The Inner London Probation Service wrote to the Metropolitan Police Federation and relatives of the three victims. Sergeant Christopher Head, 30, DC David Wombwell, 25, and PC Geoffrey Fox, 41, requesting their views on the possible release of Roberts, who has said he would like to live in London.

# Paisley's boycott threat

The Rev Ian Paisley, the leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, threatened to boycott the start of all-party talks on June 10 if the Government refused to toughen its stance on disarming the IRA. The MP for North Antrim, who held talks in Belfast yesterday with Michael Ancram. the Northern Ireland Minister, said that Sinn Fein and the IRA should be "nailed to the fence" on the weapons issue.

# Male 'Pill' breakthrough

A two-year trial of a male contraceptive in 15 centres around the world has shown it to be almost 99 per cent effective, scientists at Manchester University claimed yesterday. The drawback is that it requires weekly injections into the buttocks but trials are under way on the use of longer-term injections combined with pills or skin patches. The injections are of the male sex hormone testosterone.

# Girl, 2, falls to her death

A two-year-old girl died after falling nearly 100ft from a diff into the River Jed at Jedburgh in the Scottish Borders. Louise Mitchell, who is believed to have climbed through a hole in a sence at her home, was treated at the scene but died later in hospital in Edinburgh. In a separate accident in the Borders Robert Guthrie, 5, was killed when he was hit by a tractor near his home in Kelso.

# Minister for South West

The Government has appointed a minister to co-ordinate issues affecting the South West. David Curry, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Urban Regeneration. will concentrate particularly on the interests of Devon and Cornwall, the Prime Minister announced in a Commons written reply. "This is the largest English region, and it has distinct identities and needs," John Major said.

# Keays libel bid fails

Sara Keays and her businessman brother. Tom Keays. failed in the Court of Appeal to resurrect an abortive libel action over an article in Business Age magazine which they claimed implied they were linked to an international arms trade scandal because of her affair with the former Trade and Industry Secretary. Lord Parkinson. Three judges rejected their challenge to a High Court judge's ruling.

# Road signs of the times

Signs from the 141 councils that officially disappeared from the map yesterday have already become collectors' items. with souvenir hunters digging them up from roadsides at dead of night. But souvenir hunters have had slim pickings in Cleveland because the name was never popular locally and most signs continued to read "Teesside" even after

# Sisters return home

Two sisters allegedly forced into arranged marriages in Pakistan by their father returned home to Glasgow yesterday. Nazia Haq, 13. who had to marry a 40-year-old cousin. said: "It was a dreadful experience." Her sister Rifat. 20. said that although not happy initially she now wanted to bring her husband to Britain. A Glasgow councillor travelled to Pakistan to help the family return to Scotland.



Sir Bobby, left, and Jack Charlton yesterday at the funeral of their mother

# Charlton brothers bury the first lady of football

SIR BOBBY CHARLTON carried the coffin of their mother Cissie, dubbed the First Lady of Football, at her funeral in their home town of Ashington in Northumber-

The 1966 England World Cup-winning players and their brothers Gordon and Tom helped to act as pallbearers at St John's Church. where more than 250 people packed the church and as many again assembled outside to listen to the service relayed by loudspeakers. Many more stood to pay their last respects as the cortege wound through the former

mining town. Sir Bobby's wife, Norma, was also present in the large family gathering in spite of media reports about a cool relationship between her and her mother-in-law.

A wreath of chrysanthemums shaped into a football was mounted on top of the hearse as the coffin was borne from the church to the strains of the Wembley hymn Abide

During the service, tribute was paid to Mrs Charlton by Vince GLedhill, a local journalist and author of her blog-



Cissie Charlton: started coaching in her seventies

raphy, who said she was often called the First Lady of Football "and quite rightly so - the game was in her blood and her links with it were legend-

Her grandfather George Milburn, a 19th century fullback, was known as the "Warhorse" because of his fierce play. Her cousin Jackie Milburn was the legendary Newcastle United and England striker of the 1940s and

Mrs Charlton had a "deep

understanding of the game and a sharp eye for a good player", Mr. Gledhill said. She when, in her 70s, she began coaching seven and eightvear-olds at the local Coulson Park First School. The football-shaped wreath was from the staff, pupils and governors of the school. She had a strong character

that was vital during several setbacks such as the discovery that she had breast cancer in 1957, and then, as she recovered from surgery the following year, the shock of the Munich air disaster in which Bobby was among Manchester United's injured survivors. Mr Gledhill said one major factor that had helped her to

get over the trauma of losing a breast through surgery was the laconic humour of son Jack who started calling her Leftie. Her husband Bob, who died in 1982, was a former boxer. She wore the ring he bought her with his El winnings from a fight-booth bout in 1934until she died.

Before the cortege left for Cowpen Crematorium. Sir Bobby, who now owns a travel agency, and Jack, recently retired as the Irish Republic team manager, chatted to and hugged relatives and friends



Continued from page 1 considered. Philippe Vasseur, the French Farm Minister, said: "We will only lift the embargo when we have total agreement that we have no

Mr Hogg told the farm ministers that Britain was prepared to destroy all cattle more than 30 months old. This is a significant measure which I hope will restore public confidence in the beef market," he said.

This would mean keeping out of the food chain the 15,000 elderly cattle, mainly dairy cows, which are slaughtered every week and turned into meat pies, sausages and other processed meat products. Their carcasses would be destroyed.

Britain, which has only ten incineration plants, has the capacity to burn so many cattle. Ben Gill, deputy chairman of the National Farmers' Union, said much of the meat would have to be refrigerated for several months until new incineration plants were built.

There was doubt whether

Although Britain would be likely to pick up most of the cost of the new plants, a Commission spokesman said "co-financing" was not

Although few farm ministers reacted directly to Mr Hogg's proposal, it was clear that most of them did not think the move went far enough. The Dutch delegation said the new move was "not sufficient", and European Commission officials said the ministers all demanded "further radical measures" to re-

store public confidence. The British proposal was broadly in line with the rescue plan first recommended last week by the NFU. Mr Gill said the Hogg proposals would be acceptable to British farmers.

Downing Street said last night that Britain would not be rushed into a decision on slaughtering cattle without European action to lift the British beef ban.

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that he planned to resign the Conservative whip. "No way am I a defector. I am a pro-European, Macmillanite, One regret the gap that seems to be opening up between the Government and the parliamentary party."

Growing numbers of Tory MPs were predicting yester-day that the Prime Minister would either postpone a decision until after Easter or concede defeat in his efforts to unite ministers behind a referendum pledge. Euro-sceptic ministers hit back by warning of renewed turmoil unless Mr Major faced down Mr Clarke and his Deputy Prime Minister. One said 90 per cent of the parliamentary party wanted a referendum.

In the Commons, Mr Major appeared to be softening his enthusiasm for a referendum. expressed only three weeks ago. Reporting to MPs on the Turin inter-governmental conference, he said there "may possibly be a case" for one.



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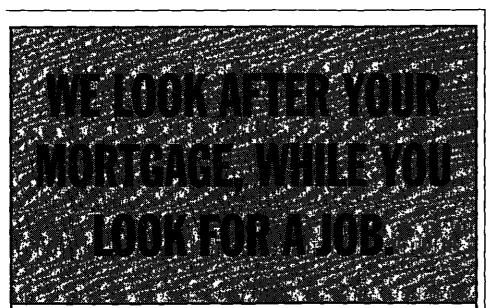
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THREE sixth-formers at one of Wales's leading schools were sent to a young offenders institution yesterday for their violent assault on a church caretaker. Judge John Curran told the youths, all 19: "There cannot be a separate law for those with intelligence that is different from others."

Judge John Curran said the three, pupils at Cardiff High School had "exulted in a rampage of violence" and brought shame on their affluent and highly respected fathers, a doctor, a retired bank manager and a business consultant

Their parents in the public gallery burst into tears as the trio were led to the cells. Andrew Groom, David Vodden and David Willey. who all planned to go to university, attacked Eric Cobourne "for a laugh" after taking a break from their A level studies to get drunk celebrating VE Day. They drank beer and cider in a pub near their homes in the middle-class suburb of Cyncoed, Cardiff.

David Aubrey, for the prosecution, said that as they home they were "drunk, rowdy, destructive and violent" and "rampaged around the streets of this normally quiet suburb, behav-ing like three drunken hooligans".

They wrecked a garden wall and gate and vandalised a Mercedes car. "The three then came across Mr Cobourne, who was sitting on a bench outside his church and minding his own business," said Mr Aubrey. They hurled in-sults at him before Groom, a doctor's son, threw a bottle at Mr Cobourne's head, causing a wound that needed several



Eric Cobourne: died



Ian Birtle and the head injuries he suffered

friends and said: "My aim is usually that good." Mr Cobourne was then

kicked in the head by Vodden. Mr Aubrey said: This man had his head down, holding his cut, when Vodden carried out what can only be described as a football volley to his head.

"Vodden, a keen rugby player, then boasted 'Did you see that? His nose just exploded.' When police asked why they

ously not a Cyncoed person, he was different'." Groom, a doctor's son who was said to be of extreme academic ability, told police he had attacked Mr Cobourne "for a sort of a laugh". Ian Birtle, 33, who lived nearby, witnessed the incident and tried to intervene to help Mr Cobourne but he was chased down the road and ended up on his knees being kicked and punched by the

Mr Aubrey said: "Groom told him, 'Say you're sorry'. He managed to escape and get to his home where he collapsed across the doorstep covered in blood and slipping in and out of consciousness."

Two weeks after the assault Mr Cobourne, who suffered from heart disease and peritonitis, died but his death was attributed to natural causes and the defendants were not charged with manslaughter. They admitted violent disorder and causing actual bodily harm. They denied attempting to cause grievous bodily harm, but were convicted by the jury. Keith Thomas, for Groom,

who lives with his parents in a large detached house, said: This case is a tragedy for all who have been touched by it. Andrew had a deep sense of shame and went to visit the families of the injured men to apologise. He is an academically dever young man with a great future. He is capable of a great contribution to the

"A sentence of custody will have more serious effect on him than most defendants who appear before the court. He will have great difficulties in continuing his education.

Vodden lives in a six-bedroom house with his parents. His father is a retired bank manager. Colin Davies, for





Andrew Groom, left, who launched a savage attack on a church caretaker with David Vodden and David Willey after a drinking session

affluent family. He has an exemplary character and you would not expect a person of his background to commit these offences. The effects on him have caused chaos in his

Daniel Williams, for Willey, said: "He is honest, sensitive, polite, caring and shy. He comes from a respectable family and the last II months have been hard to bear. He enrolled upon an Alcoholics Anonymous course at the church where the first assault took place. One family friend who knows him well tells us he finds his involvement in the offences beyong

Willey lives 200 yards from

a former BT executive and now a business stress consultant, was not available for comment.

Groom and Vodden were also found guilty of wounding with intent for the attack on Mr Cobourne and were sentenced to two years in a young offenders' institution. Willey, who had been accepted to study town planning at Durham University, was given 18 months. Judge Curran said: This has had a devastating effect not only on your victims but also on your families. Mr Cobourne was a slight man of only 5ft 6in and would not

one of you." There was anger in Cardiff, however, that the youths may

have been a match for even

tences because their parents were pillars of the community. Rhodri Morgan. Labour MP for Cardiff West, said: "A lot of people will feel that these boys got off very lightly because of where they live and who their

parents are. They live on the right side of the tracks and whereas others from the wrong side may have been inside prison for a long time by now on remand, people feel that if they were from one of Cardiff's large council estates their feet would not have touched the As they were led to the cells

the defendants' parents in the public gallery burst into tears. One mother said: "What are we going to do? This is awful"

are two sides to every story. I just don't want to talk about

A police spokesman said afterwards: These boys were well brought up but they disregarded all their upbringing that night to carry out these disgraceful attacks. What made it worse was that one of the victims was a sick man, totally unable to defend himself. The boys now find their lives ruined because they have seriously jeopardised their futures."

Mr Birtle, 33, said: "I was trying to help a man in trouble when they attacked me. Then they launched into me threatening me with bottles. I realised I was badly outnumbered and tried to get away but they

of my parents' house. They lashed into me with their feet as I lay on the ground and stamped on me so hard that I had the imprint of their shoes on my face and arm. They wore T-shirts and jeans and acted like thugs. I was amazed when I found out that they came from good families."

Mrs Margaret Ashford, a close friend of Mr Cohourne. said: "Eric was a lovely, lovely man whose wife had died of cancer. He was so non-violent. He should have been the last person in the World to be subjected to an attack like

Cardiff High School was second in the league table for Wales for A Level results last

# Police find boy dead in ditch

By Russell Jenkins

THE body of a 21-month-old boy who disappeared from a travellers' caravan site was found yesterday trapped be-neath rubbish at the bottom of a ditch filled with filthy water.

Police divers searching for John Bristow made the discovery almost a day after he vanished from the site near Lydd, Kent, where he lived with his parents, Tracey Beaney, 23, and Paul Bristow, 24, and his grandparents.
Residents at the caravan

park hurled abuse at police as they took the body away for a post-mortem examination. angry that the search was halted temporarily overnight.
Detective Chief Inspector
Andy Feltham said: "My sym-

pathy is with the family. What I would want to say to them is that we have conducted an extremely thorough search. Officers were engaged until three in the morning. The wind was howling, it was freezing cold and it was abso-

# Backroom mummy cut open after 3,000 years

AN ANCIENT Egyptian mummy that had been languishing in an elderly couple's hackroom has been dissected to reveal a treasure trove of lucky charms and a stone figure within its stomach.

The discovery of the statu-

ette, known as an ushabti, in the abdomen is most unusual, as is the cache of 21 wooden amulets. Only four such de-tailed autopsies of a mummy have been conducted in Britain in the past 90 years.

The mummy, a young male of high social standing who lived in about 1,000 BC, was donated to Manchester University for scientific research by

an elderly Glaswegian couple. The couple, who have not been named, are collectors of curios and had kept the mummy, which has no head, in a storeroom cupboard for years. Dr Edmund Tapp, a Home Office pathologist for Lancashire and Cumbria, was called in to dissect the murmmy by Dr Rosalie David, keeper of egyp-tology at the Manchester MuHospital in front of an audience of scientists, students, doctors and laboratory staff.

Dr Tapp, using the tech-niques of modern pathology, made a small incision in the abdomen before removing layer upon layer of calcified tissue. Using X-rays as a guide he searched deeper into the abdomen for the small figures that had been shown up. He discovered a bin-high

ushabu. It would normally be found inside the tomb but is thought never to have been found within a body. The ushabti acted as a servant in the afterlife.

There were also 21 amulets or lucky charms representing the four sons of the sun god Horus in the shape of a monkey, a human head, a jackal and a hawk.

Dr Tapp, who has re-searched the diseases of the Ancient Egyptians, said: "It was like conducting an ar-chaeological dig inside a body. The artefacts we have found

seum. The autopsy was con-ducted at the Royal Preston sy of this kind is also a rare treat. We can't say whether the ushabti was placed accidentally or intentionally in the stomach. It's simply very unusual."
He hopes further testing will establish the cause of death.

Very few mummies remain in the hands of private collectors who would allow them to be examined in such detail. Many were brought back to Britain in the 19th century but Egypt banned their export at the beginning of this century. In Victorian times mummies would be unwrapped for favoured guests at soirces.

John Taylor, assistant keeper of Egyptian antiquities at the British Museum, said: "It is extremely unusual to find the ushabti figure in the abdomen and strange that it is made from stone. The only comparable find is that of a figure, believed to be an ushabti, found in the outer bandages of a mummy at the British Musuem in the 1960s. However, this is quite different because it was found

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# **Duiz-show comics have the answer** Got News For You and pro-

By Andrew Pierce STAND-UP comedians are

reaping rich rewards by moving into the world of the television celebrity quiz show. Funnymen as diverse as Bob Monkhouse and Frank Skinner, presenter of Fantasy Football, can command up to £15,000 for 30 minutes. The renaissance of the stand-up comedian, which produced performers such as Paul Merton, Jo Brand, Vic

Reeves, Helen Lederer and Lee Hurst, has also spawned 1 a plethora of celebrity shows at a price. Traditional favourites such Tyas Mastermind and Ask the Family have been eclipsed by programmes such as Have I Got News For You, They Think It's All Over, Shooting

Stars, Faniasy Football and That's Showbusiness. Paul Merton, Michael Barrymore, Frank Skinner and Angus Deayton can command from £10,000







Vic Reeves, left, Jo Brand and Frank Skinner are products of the renaissance in stand-up comedy

£15,000. Jo Brand, Vic Reeves, Shane Ritchie, Jonathan Ross and Nick Hancock, presenter of the irreverent sports quiz They Think It's All Over, are in the £5,000 to £10,000 bracket.

Leading writers have criticised the trend, which they say is denying producers whose budgets have been cut the resources for proper drama. Denise O'Donoghue, managing director of Hat Trick Productions, producers of Drop the Dead Donkey and Father Ted, said: "These people can command these figures because someone somewhere thinks they must be worth it. I do not know many producers who get £1,000 an episode. Broadly speaking today shows are often built round the celebrity. We always insist that the script comes first. The star

comes afterwards." Harry Thompson, who was

wouldn't hire someone to fix your plumbing, or to deco-rate your bouse, just because they were so famous. So why hire someone famous to go on a show or to write a script unless you know that they can

Mr Thompson added: There is an absolute sense of terror that celebrities, who have proved they can grab an series producer of Have I audience, will go elsewhere."



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# Relatives of CJD victims seek action on 'live test'

THE families of four victims of the human form of "mad cow" disease urged the Government yesterday to examine a possible test for BSE and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in

live cattle and humans. The test is said to have been devised by Dr Harash Narang, 53, who worked as a clinical virologist at the public health service laboratory in Newcastle upon Tyne until 1994. His claims have been widely publicised by the media but the scientific community has disregarded them because he has failed to publish them in a scientific journal. The Ministry of Agriculture said that it had contacted Dr Narang for details of the test. "We certainly aren't going to turn down any test that might identify BSE." a

spokesman said. Don Curry, the chairman of the Meat and Livestock Commission, has said that he is willing to meet Dr Narang to

is that Dr Narang has never published the test, and nobody else has been able to repeat it," a spokesman for the commission said yesterday.

Dr Narang comes original-ly from Delhi and completed his education at university in England. In 1984 he spent a year on leave from his job working with a top American team at the US National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, on BSE and CJD type diseases. When he applied to continue his studies with the team his superiors in Newcastle refused to extend his leave and he was recalled.

He lost his £40,000-a-year post as a microbiologist with the public health laboratory service in November 1994. He took his dismissal to an industrial tribunal, claiming he had been sacked because the re-sults of his research would have a "wide-ranging impact" but the tribunal ruled in favour of his former employ-



Narang: details of his test are unpublished

post had been made redundant because of a 2 per cent cut in funding from the Department of Health.

In recent years he has become involved with the families of CJD victims. Yesterday he told the first meeting of the CJD Campaign Group, which he has set up with the families of Peter Hall, Morris Calla-

Fonnie Van Es: "Since the admission of a link between CJD and BSE the number of so-called experts has mushroomed, but I have a proven test that the Government will not acknowledge."

His test for BSE uses electron microscopy, which he says can detect cattle meat infected with BSE in 24 hours. as opposed to traditional methods which take up to six weeks. "If any slaughtered cattle test positive for BSE these carcasses can be destroyed and never enter the human food chain," he said. This test avoids the need

cattle and will restore confi-dence in British beef." He believes that ministry officials have deliberately obstructed his work because they fear a test would reveal how many cattle reaching slaugh-terhouses were infected with BSE. During his career at the public health laboratory service he was twice disciplined

for any mass slaughter of

carrying out his research. In 1991 he was given a written warning for carrying out research into genetic manipula-tion without legal consent. A vear later he was formally suspended after calling on the relatives of people who had

been affected by CJD. His work is sponsored by

been in butchery for three generations on Tyneside. He said: "The research being undertaken by Harash is crucially important. He is just one man on his own lighting the large institutions, but he is not giving up." Dr Narang be-lieves he is only 18 months away from proving a definite

☐ Vegetarians are reporting a Sainsbury yesterday reported surge of interest in their way of life. The Vegetarian Society said yesterday it had received 1,084 calls last week, about double the normal number. Haldane Foods, a leading manufacturer of vegetarian products, reported booming sales of its soya-based meat

a continuing run on beel in response to its decision to halve prices last Friday. "We sold out on Saturday, the first time this has happened in our 125-year history", a spokesman said. "Most branches sold out again on Sunday."

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llya Andrews, left, Clare Callaghan and Gerard Callaghan at the CJD Campaign Group meeting yesterday

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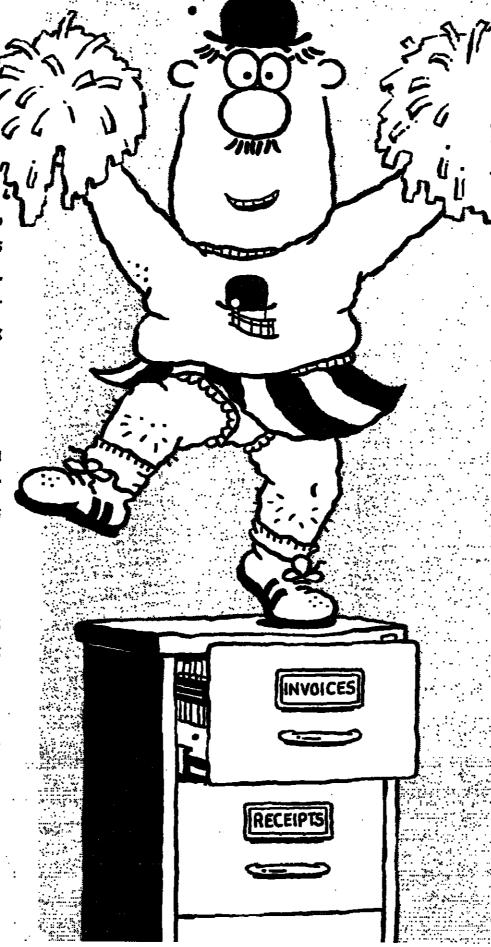
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# Heads accused of cover-up over classroom thugs

By John O'Leary and David Charter

TEACHERS are being put in danger because police and school authorities refuse to act against increasing classroom violence, union leaders said yesterday. They presented a dossier of 50 assaults and demanded measures to protect

Peter Smith, general secretary of the Association of Feachers and Lecturers, told the opening of its conference in Torquay that schools would become fortresses unless the problem was taken seriously. Mr Smith said that heads. governors and education authorities covered up assaults on staff to protect a school's

tant to press charges because. in their terms, incidents appeared trivial. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, has launched an £18 million package of measures to improve school discipline. She is considering whether to reverse the limits

reputation. Police were reluc-

on exclusions introduced two But Mr Smith said that stronger measures were needed. He called for automatic action when a teacher is assaulted and more government money to develop withdrawal units — popularly known as sin bins - to cater

for disruptive pupils. "God help us if we go down the road of American inner-city schools," he said. "There is a real problem, but if something serious is done now rather than simply paying lipservice, we need never take that route. Otherwise, those of us who say that schools can

never be fortresses will have to

change our tune." Labour will seek to gain the conference's approval today when David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, will promise term-long exclu sions and more expertise and equipment for the withdrawal units. He will also propose that more classroom teachers should spend time in the units to ensure pupils learn the national curriculum and maintain a link with the rest of the school.

In a poll of branches covering two thirds of education authorities in England and Wales, the union found nearly 300 cases of serious assault over the past year. More than nine out of ten teachers said they were facing more indiscipline in class and one in three said the position was much worse than 15 years ago. Most

blamed pupils' parents. The union has issued model policy for schools, says that assaults should normally be reported to the police and the teacher relieved of duties. Teachers should be offered counselling and be consulted on further action against their attacker.

Mr Smith said: "The police force is under considerable pressure and things which may be shocking, horrifying and career-destroying seem pretty small beer as far as the sons I well understand, heads, the police and governors are not taking as seriously as they clearly should an issue which

# Boy of 9 'ended teacher's career'

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

A TEACHER spoke yesterday of the struggle with a violent nine-year-old that ended her career.

Galina O'Connor, 58. has not been able to work since the incident three years ago at Woodcroft School, in Barnet, north London. She said the boy concerned had been allowed to set his own conditions to return to her class after a previous assault.

At a press conference at the annual conference of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, Mrs O'Connor said she had been awarded £2,500 compensation but no action had been taken against the boy. He had attacked three children and prevented anyone from leaving the classroom for 15 minutes before Mrs O'Connor had lifted him out of the way and injured her back.

Mrs O'Connor, who taught for II years, said: "I felt something snap in my back. I can practically not walk more than 100 yards or sleep well because the pain returns."

Barnet education authority did not accept that Mrs O'Connor had been assaulted or that the boy was to blame for her retirement on health grounds.

In the final assault in 1993 the boy cut a girl's shin. crushed another between two tables and held a third girl by the leg and began to twist it. Mrs O'Connor said he had been removed from school subsequently by an uncle.

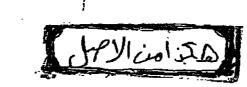
Mrs O'Connor was one of

two ATL members at the conference in Torquay who described classroom assaults. Sam Bechler, from a Wolverhampton comprehensive, was attacked by an 18-yearold relative of a boy he had disciplined. The youth aimed a punch and a flying kick at Mr Bechler, 59, wrote ob scenities on the blackboard and shouted abuse. He was

convicted of assault. A third teacher, who had been awarded £88,000 after having to give up teaching. submitted anonymous testimony because he fears reprisals by his attacker, who was jailed after the assault.

The ATL's dossier included attacks and threats from parents, pupils and intruders.







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'There have been so many cases'

# Benbecula crofters blame Chernobyl for wave of cancers

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

PEOPLE on the remote Western Isle of Benbecula spoke yesterday of their fears that their seemingly unspoilt is-land was harbouring a deadly environmental agent caused by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster a decade ago.

Nineteen cases of cancer

have been diagnosed by one general practice on the island. home to L800, in the past 18 months. Of these 16 have died. Dr Francis Tierney, the island's doctor who has voiced concern about the disturbing trend, says he would have expected only three to five cases a year. He said many of the cancers were of the lungs and digestive tract although there was also an alarming increase in breast cancer. "We are seeing cancers for which we do not know the cause and lung cancer in non-smokers."

Yesterday on Benbecula there was much talk of a Chernobyl connection. Robert MacGillivray and his wife Katie, who run the Harris Tweed store at Balivanish, said there had been a great deal of concern at church on Sunday, "No one was panick-

# Link with disaster unlikely'

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

RADIATION experts believe it unlikely that Chernobyl had anything to do with the cancers on Benbecula.

There is no evidence that after the Chernobyl disaster the levels of fall-out on Benbecula were high. An analysis by the National Ra-diological Protection Board concluded that the island fell into the second-lowest category for contamination, which depended on whether rain fell when the Chernobyl contamination passed overhead.

radiation would be more likely to be thyroid cancer or leukaemia, not stomach or lung cancer. The causes of stomach cancer are more likely to be dietary, while smoking is the main cause of lung cancer. Neither is a marker for radiation



ing but people are worried." Mrs MacGillivray said. "I am concerned for my grandchildren."

Other people told of two-headed lambs being born in the aftermath of Chernobyl and of how one of the lochs at Gramstald, once full of trout, was now mysteriously empty.

Dr Tierney said: "People in Benbecula are very concerned. Patients have noticed that many of their neighbours and relatives are getting cancer and they want to know why. You can't have one funeral a month without people noticing. The community is so small everyone knows what everyone else has got. People come up to me at gravesides and say 'What is happening doctor? They are coming up with their own theories."

The majority of cancers are of the lung and bowel. The most severely affected are middle-aged men who have a crofting background and who have been on the island for more than ten years.

The link with Chernobyl is just one possible cause which Dr Tierney would like investigated. Another theory concerns radioactivity from Sellafield. A medical paper published by a North Uist GP. Dr John McLeod, showed higher levels of radioactivity in men on the island than elsewhere and a link with Sellafield was established.

There were also fears that the local tip has contaminated the water supply and worries about the Ministry of Defence missile testing range which provides a valuable source of income for Benbecula.

Dr Tierney says: "My hunch would be that it is connected with radioactivity of some sort. Whether that is Chernobyl or Sellafield I wouldn't like to speculate. People are very concerned about their environment." Yesterday Benbecula was bathed in bright sunshine. The inhabitants take a pride in their windswept treeless is-

# Lamp may replace laser treatment

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

A LAMP that kills cancer cells with an intense beam of light has been invented by a British scientist. The device, the size of a household toaster, has been used on 150 skin cancer sufferers and has cured four fifths of them. Within a few weeks of a 45-minute session with the lamp their symptoms had

The lamp is one twentieth of the cost of a laser and is being hailed as a big advance. Doctors are so pleased that they are planning tests on brain, breast, guilet, prostate, bowel and gynaecological cancers.

The lamp, which is painless to use, emits an arc of concentrated light that is cooled and then channelled through a se-ries of lenses. A flexible guide directs the light to the cancerous skin, which will have been treated with a photosensitive cers are treated."

drug. On internal organs the light source would be applied via an endoscope inserted into the digestive tract or, in the case of a brain tumour, via a hole in the skull. However, that is some years away.

The device, developed by Dr Colin Whitehurst, of the Cancer Research Campaign's Paterson Institute in Manchester, costs £4,500 compared with £100,000 for a laser. The wavelength of light it emits can be varied to suit different cancers, making it more versatile than a laser, which open

ates on one wavelength. Professor Gordon McVie. the campaign's new directorgeneral, who took up his post vesterday, said: "It is a truly remarkable invention which we believe will make a vital contribution to the way can-

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grafitti and the doors of cars and houses are left unlocked. For years Benbecula was merely a stepping stone between North and South Uist but the MoD base with its 500 employees has helped to bring prosperity to the island. There is one supermarket but many islanders are self sufficient.

Sheep outnumber people, many of whom are crofters who have farmed the land for generations, growing vegetables and keeping chickens. One such is Morag McIntosh, 60, who has lived on Benbecula for 38 years. She was diagnosed as suffering from cancer of the bowel last

month. "It happened very

quickly and has come as a big

shock, she said. I feel very weak but I am confident things will work out." Mrs McIntosh lives in the hamlet of Creagorry. Four of her neighbours also have cancer. She said: "People are very worried. Over the past year there have been so many cases. People are asking why and should something not be done? I was very healthy. I don't smoke and I seldom drink. If it can happen to me it can happen to anyone.



Dr Roy Watling, of the Royal Botanical Garden, Edinburgh, examines Oxyporus populinus during the Mycological Society fungi-hunt

# Fungi hunters join a mushrooming pursuit

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

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FUNGI experts went hunting red caps and toadstools in an English forest yesterday in the finest tradition of their Victorian forebears.

As part of centenary celebrations for their society, amateur and professional mycologists converged on Symond's Yat, Hereford and Wor-

cester, to search for fungal delights on dead wood, trees and pushing up through the soil.

The spring foray was a re-creation of a Victorian tradition established by the local Woolhope Naturalists's Field Club under the renowned naturalist Dr H. G. Bull. The club's gourmet and scientific interest in fungi. normally celebrated over copious amounts of food and drink at the

Green Dragon Inn in Hereford, led to the foundation of the British Mycological Society in 1896.

Mary English, a contemporary author, wrote: "All British mycologists who could get there did so. intent on the enjoyment of the heady mixture of days in the countryside in pursuit of rare species of toadstools and evenings of friendly social intercourse over good food and

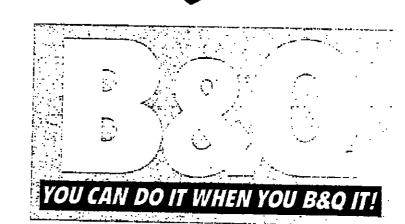
wine." Dr Jack Marriot, a vicepresident of the society, said the forays were "not just an excuse for heavy drinking and eating". Botanists had realised the significance of

fungi in crop diseases, he said. Professor Tony Whalley, of Liverpool John Moores University, said: "We don't want to encourage too many people to eat them now. It might harm the environment."



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# Chainsaws let a little light into barrier between neighbours

A RETIRED teacher smiled happily yesterday at the buzz of chainsaws trimming his neighbour's giant Cupressus levlandii hedge. As the sun-light flooded into Michael Jones's garden, another epi-sode in one of Britain's longest and costliest unneighbourly disputes drew to a close.

But Mr Jones knows his joy will be shortlived. For oft behind the ten trees that mark his garden's boundary, and beyond the reach of the law. his neighbour Charles Stanton has planted another row of trees which Mr Jones is powerless to do anything about. The fast-growing conifers are already 15ft high.

As the first row was being chopped down from 20ft to a munageable (2ft. Mr Stanton. 84, a retired engineer, placed a cardboard coffin outside his front door at Selly Oak. Birmingham. A plaque taped to the lid beside a posy of blue and white crocuses read: "RIP my beautiful trees whose



that softened my gaze"

green mantle has so nobly softened my gaze against the ugly reality beyond."
Mr Jones. 67, contemplating

the second row, said: "They can reach 100ft and Mr Stanton has told me he will allow them to grow to an uncontrolled height. With Mr Stan-

were sown in 1971 when Mr Jones and his wife moved into the leafy suburb planned by George Cadbury. Mr Stanton, who had lived there since 1947. planted the trees and when they reached 15ft Mr Jones began to complain that his southwest-facing garden was being deprived of sunlight. In 1979, the first of scores of

solicitors' letters passed be-tween the neighbours. Mr Stanton reduced the hedge to 22ft, but in 1989 Mr Jones lopped 5ft off, followed by a further 4ft the next year. He won a court ruling that a hedge, like a fence, could be repaired and maintained by either neighbour. But Mr Stanton obtained an injunction to stop him.

Last November. Birmingham County Court, Mr Stanton lost his claim for £30,000 in damages against Mr Jones for lopping the trees. The Recorder, Harry Wolton, OC. also lifted the injunction which prevented Mr Jones



from trimming the barrier. Mr Jones said he had spent £50,000 in fighting the case and hoped to recover £44,000 from Mr Stanton, whose own costs are at least as much.

Apart from the legal costs, the dispute has resulted in bitter words and recriminations. Mr Stanton believes that

Frieda, his first wife, died partly from the shock brought about when Mr Jones lopped a few feet off the trees.

Mr Jones said: "She died when complications set in after she had dropped a bottle of Ribena on her toes."

As he watched the tree

surgeons at work yesterday,

this as a victory. This has been a pathetic thing over what should have been a trivial

"He thinks I'm an ogre. I could have sold up but that would have left the problem for someone else. It should have been settled rationally

Mr Jones said: "I don't regard but it became a problem of personal animosity. Because of this ludicrous row my wife and I have had to forgo holidays and other luxuries. Although I did not take my neighbour to court this has

cost my life-savings." Mr Stanton twitched his curtains to check on callers

yesterday but remained firmly indoors. His second wife, who declined to give her first name. would speak only briefly through the letter box. Ignor-ing the coffin. she said: "It is just an ordinary day for us. The bleakness went long ago. Now I am going to hang the

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# C of E told to back divorce services

By Ruth Gledhill RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE traditional "hatch, match and dispatch" roles of the Church of England could soon be joined by a fourth: "to unmatch". A leading clergyman has called for the Church to allow divorced people to mark the break-down of their relationship. down of their relationship with a special service.

mark a divorce is growing. 'Divorce ceremonies" have taken place in the Church of England and the United Reformed Church without official authorisation. The "funeral for marriage" vould involve the couple

Support for a ceremony to

sold and the money donated to Christian Aid. At a weekend meeting of the Norwich diocesan synod,

handing back wedding rings.

In one case, the rings were

Canon Michael Woods, team rector of Great Yarmouth. called on the Church's bishops to agree an order of service for the divorce ceremony. Although defeated, the motion was backed by a surprisingly large proportion of the synod — about one third.

Canon Woods told the synod: "It may sound Monty Pythonesque having a service for the breakdown of marriage. Divorce entails feelings of pain, bereavement and guilt and this calls for help and support. The Church recognises birth. marriage and death, but for the break-up of marriage

there is nothing."

Canon Woods, recently criticised for blessing gay by the Rev Richard Woodham, of Norwich, who disclosed he had officiated at

# Cambridge receives £1m for Islamic studies post

CAMBRIDGE University has been awarded almost £1.2 million for a lecturer's post in Islamic studies.

The donation, from one of the largest charitable organ-isations in the Middle East, reflects an era in which British culture has become more diverse, a trend the university has sought to reflect by adding the study of other religions to its syllabus.

The university said that for centuries its study of theology had been primarily concerned with Christianity. A spokes-man said the endowment would "help the university reflect the religious make-up of today's society".

The lectureship will be advertised in the The Times Higher Education Supplement next week, and will come with a salary of between

£18,000 and £28,000 depending on the age and experience of the successful applicant.

Until now, the university has been forced to rely on lecturers from faculties such as oriental studies to teach Islam. These have been linguistic, historical or cultural experts on Islam, but for the first time the university will have a religious lecturer

specialising in Islam. The teaching of Islam will continue to figure as part of the normal Tripos in the faculties of divinity and orien-

The endowment comes from the Zayed bin Sultan Nahayan Charitable and Humanitarian Foundation of Abu Dhabi, an organisation which also fundthe Centre for Islamic Studies at the University of Wales in Lampeter.

Contacts with the foundation were provided by the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Runcie, who is chairman of the divinity faculty's development committee.

Other recent benefactions include a lectureship in Bud-dhist studies. Donations for posts in Judaism and Christianity in Africa and Asia are being sought. The divinity faculty is also seeking £3 million for a new building close to the library for lecturers and

researchers.

Rosalind Paul, the faculty's administrative officer, said: "This is a wonderful coup for us, and everyone is very excited about it. The lectureship will be open to a male or female Muslim or non-

The endowment coincides with a £33,000 donation from the film director Steven Spielberg to give the divinity school a visiting lecturer in modern Jewish thought.

# Lottery to alter rule on good causes

By Dalya Alberge ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A CHANGE to the rules of how the National Lottery funds good causes, so that people and not just buildings can receive money, has been proposed.

Local communities will be able to apply for National Lottery funding for arts and sports schemes in their area under a change of rules being explored by the five distribution bodies, Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, said yesterday.

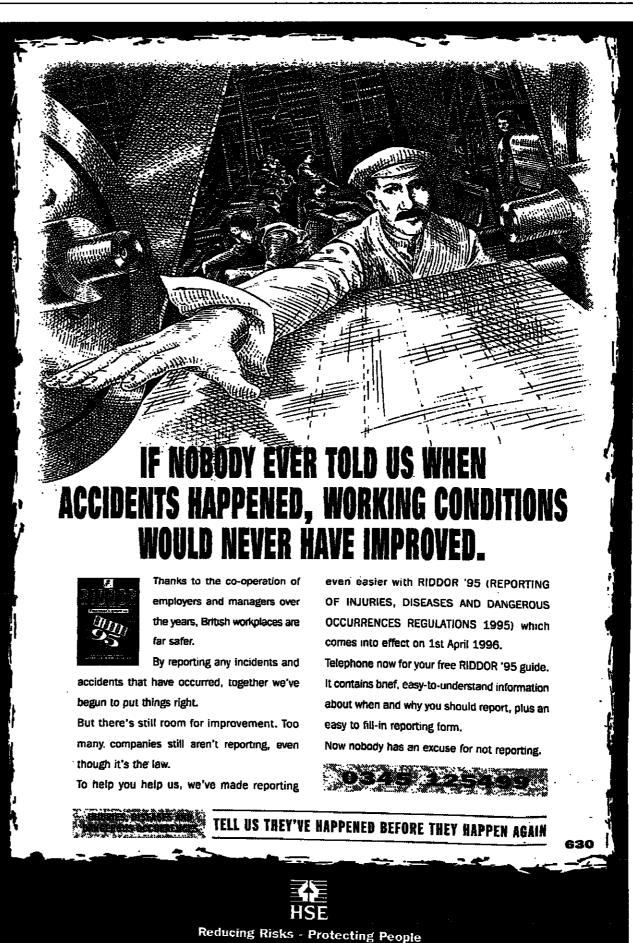
The changes mean that the lottery, which has so far raised £1.74 billion for "good causes", will be investing in people as well as buildings. Until now, spending was re-stricted to capital costs; under the new proposals, members of the public could ask for money to fund talent-spotting and coaching projects to help

young people. A consultation period on the proposed change is launched today. On May 15, the Arts Council will publish a document setting out proposals. It was too early to know how much money would be paid out under new schemes but reports suggesting £20 million a year were probably of the right order, Mrs Bot-

tomley said. Rodney Walker, chairman of the Sports Council, said it was aware of the financial sacrifices made by many athletes who took part, for instance, in the Olympics. Because some athletes went on to achieve great earning power, it was possible that loans could be introduced

rather than grants, he said. The Sports Council added that it would be able to pay an extra £200,000 to British athletes going to this year's Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Lord Rothschild, chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, welcomed another planned rule change announced yesterday, which would allow building preservation trusts to apply for lottery funds to improve historic buildings.



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# Crown sues Blake for profit from MI6 book

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE double-agent George Blake was sued by Britain yesterday in an attempt to recover £90,000 he made from a book on his years with MI6. Blake, who lives in Moscow, having escaped from

Wormwood Scrubs in 1961. declined to appear at the High Court or to offer any defence. He is being represented by Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC. Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC. the Anomey-General, is suing Blake and his London publisher, Jonathan Cape.

Blake had broken his trust with the security and intelligence services by writing No Other Choice. Philip Havers, QC, representing Sir Nicholas, said. It was a "flagrant disregard" of his duties from which he had "unjustly" made money, Mr Havers said that although the book entailed no breach of confidence - Blake had already told the Russians all he knew — he retained a fiduciary duty.

Sir Richard Scott, the Vice-Chancellor, asked: These secrets may have been revealed to the Russians, but not to the public at large. I don't suppose the book sold well in Russia unless it was translated."

Mr Havers said that Blake had been employed by the Crown and owed it a duty which he had breached, and



Blake: escaped from prison to Moscow

therefore the remedy would be for the Crown to take any profits he had made by that

Jonathan Cape, which is not defending the action, holds the profits of the book, which have been frozen since it was published in 1991.

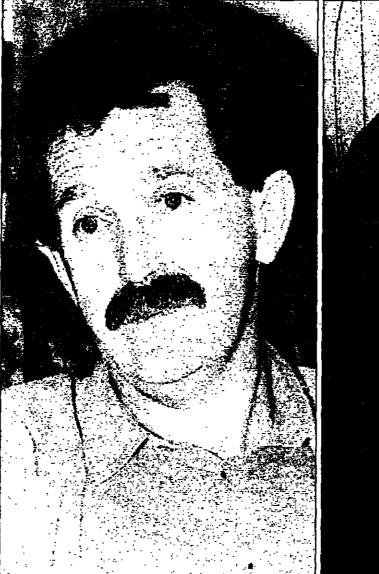
Blake, 73, who has been blamed for the death of several British agents, received a £35,000 advance for the book. No Other Choice deals with his time with Mlo between 1947 and 1961, his arrest and conviction in 1961, his escape from prison, and life in Russia

Sir Richard said he could not see that a member of the security services owed a duty when he had left the service other than not to reveal confidential information.

Mr Havers said that Blake was using his former position to make a profit without authority. "The book would have no interest to publishers unless he was a former intelligence officer." The right to freedom of expression as upheld by the European Court of Human Rights did not affect Blake's breach of duty. "If he has breached that duty, he is liable for the consequences."

Lord Lester, who was appointed by the Crown to look after Blake's interests, said that government ministers should be subject to the same code and stopped from publishing their memoirs if the former security officer was prevented from publishing a itory about his life because he was employed by the Crown.

He told Sir Richard, who presided in the Spycatcher case when the Crown tried to stop Peter Wright from publishing his MI5 memoirs, that the House of Lords appeal found that Mr Wright's duty was to maintain secrecy. Lord Lester said that, when the Government sues for breach of confidence, it has to prove that restraint of publication is in the public interest. The case continues today.



PC Alan Waldock, who was found not guilty of murder in Portugal; and at his wedding to Doris in 1975

# PC cleared of murdering wife is found dead in fume-filled car

By Carol Midgley

A POLICE officer cleared of murdering his wife in a whirlpool bath seven years ago has been found dead in his car. PC Alan Waldock, 42. was called a liar at Doris's inquest by the coroner, who said she was probably killed

PC Waldock was due to have appeared at Bedlington Magistrates' Court, Northumberland, tomorrow charged with credit card fraud. His body was found in the car on an isolated track in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire, on Sunday morning. A hosepipe was attached to the exhaust.

PC Waldock, who served with Northumbria Police. was held in custody in Portugal for a year after being arrested for his wife's murder in the Algarve resort of

Waldock, 33. drowned in a whirlpool bath at their holiday apartment after suffering head injuries. PC Waldock claimed she had slipped and banged her head and he was later cleared of murder by three Portuguese judges. But two Home Office pathologists told an inquest in Britain they

by a blunt instrument. Suspicions that PC Waldock had killed his wife remained, particularly when he admitted to having a mistress. He was shunned by his neighbours and many

believed the bruising to the

back of her head was consis-

tent with having been struck

police colleagues. Yesterday Mrs Waldock's father. Bob Barber, 71, from Warkworth, Northumberland, said he was always convinced PC Waldock had

Barbers had tried to get custody of their grandson but had not seen Christopher, 13, for seven years.

"As far as we're concerned

Waldock no longer existed anyway. It is tragic for my grandson, he is the one who has come out of this the worst. "Maybe it was an attack of conscience after all these

years that he decided to kill himself but I don't think he had a conscience. Apparently there were letters left and it will be interesting to see what The way he went on at

Doris's funeral still boils my blood. There were tears rolling down his face but they were crocodile tears." Last July PC Waldock was

suspended from his job in the Northumbria Police control room after an alleged credit

SCIENCE EDITOR

DNA tests at the Home Office

Forensic Laboratory at Ald-

ermaston showed close match-

es between the DNA of the

presumed Tsarina and that of

the Duke of Edinburgh, who

shared a great-grandmother.

There remained a tiny

suing the force after breaking his arm in an icy police yard.

On March 6 this year he was charged with ten offences of avoiding liability by decep-tion involving £13,000.

PC Waldock had admitted having a string of affairs and once talked to friends about

committing the perfect Mrs Waldock's brother, Detective Sergeant Alan Barber. of Northumbria Police, said after PC Waldock was cleared he bought a car with the registration number H20, the chemical symbol for water. Detective Sergeant Barber said: "He claimed the number plate was just a complete

the view he was just flaunting the fact." An inquest was opened in

**DNA** phenomenon proves

coincidence but we all took

# trial puts targets in reach

BY NICK NUTTALL

A PILOT scheme that recycles domestic rubbish and adds less than £1 a house to a council's annual spending could be adopted across the

At the heart of the trial, involving 20,000 homes in West Sussex, are separate plastic boxes into which residents put cans, newspapers and plastic milk and drinks bottles. Those are left at the kerbside for collection. Glass bottles and containers are put in glass banks.

The scheme, centred on Worthing, was originally test-ed by Adur District Council. Initially Adur used a two-truck system, then Worthing's refuse lorries were redesigned so that only one was needed. They now have three compartments, one for paper, one for plastic and can, and a third for non-recyclable rubbish. A special waste depot sorts rubbish using a high-tech scanner to separate different plastics.

A national project would mean Britain that could meet its targets, under the European Union's packaging directive, of recycling 25 per cent of household waste by 2000 without high costs for industry.

councils and consumers.

Peter Hindle, chairman of the integrated waste management group of the Institute of Grocery Distribution, said yesterday: "For less than the cost of a lottery ticket per household we can deliver the household waste recycling that everyone is demanding.

In essence we can sort detergent and milk plastic bottles from water or fizzy drinks bottles at a rate of four bottles per second with an

accuracy of over 97 per cent." The institute, involving the big supermarket chains as well as bodies such as the Food and Drink Federation and the British Retail Consortium, said that it hoped the scheme would be adopted nationally. An organisation called Valpak has been set up to help the industry to meet recycling targets. Valpak is expected to give cash to councils wanting to copy the West Sussex project. More than 85 per cent of households involved in the trial, the most cost-effective in Europe, have stayed with it for five years.

"Given that the anthropo-

logical and circumstantial evi-

dence was also considered

conclusive for the identification of the Romanovs, there

now appears to be no reason-

able scientific objection to

accepting the authenticity of

the remains," the scientists

This is the first time that

heteroplasmy phenomenon has been used in a case of

human identification. The evi-

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Nicholas has 72 per cent

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# Recycling Posters for drink must be changed

A poster campaign for Black Death Vodka showing a transvestite and a naked man balancing a bowler hat without using his hands was censured by the Committee of Advertising Practice. Richmond Distillers, which was criticised for inciting consumers to drink to excess,

must revise its posters. Dewi Morris, the former England rugby player and the brand's national sales manager, said: "We've been plagued with problems over our posters. Most of them stem from the fact that the Advertising Standards Authority don't appear to have a sense of humour.

### Ruling quashed

Two judges in the High Court quashed a youth court ruling that a mother should pay £100 compensation to the Metropolitan Police after her 14-year-old daughter damaged a police car while living in a council children's home in north London.

### Paperboy bitten

An alsatian was destroyed after it attacked and injured a 14-year-old paperboy in the Bulwell area of Nottingham. Thomas Sealeaf was treated in hospital for bites to his legs and groin after the dog escaped from a house. Its owners face possible charges.

# Policeman killed

A police motorcyclist died and a pedestrian was seriously injured in an accident in Cardiff on Sunday night. PC Anthony Ashmore, 38, was answering an emergency call when his motorcycle hit Austin Large, 21, who is in a critical condition.

# Noteworthy find

Workers at a recycling depot sifted through a tonne of old paper and found £150 accidentally thrown away by Muriel Jones, 78, of Harlow, Essex. The bank notes, saved to pay her gas bill, were put out for collection with old newspapers and junk mail.

# Briton returns

Robert Lock, 30, who was held for three years in a Thai jail, was expected to arrive at Heathrow early today after being cleared of drug smuggling. Sandra Gregory, who was jailed for 25 years.

# Cattle warning

Giant pictures of cows are to be painted on roads in Gloucestershire in an attempt to make drivers slow down. It is hoped the signs will remind drivers that cattle roam on Minchinhampton common in the summer.

# Pregnant pause

A trial came to a sudden halt yesterday at Cardiff Crown Court when a key prosecution witness went into labour. Leanne Stokes was taken to hospital by ambulance. The trial was adjourned for two

# Osprey arrives

A male osprey returned from West Africa to its nesting site in an old Scots pine at Loch Garten near Aviemore in the Highlands. Its mate is expected back at any time. It is believed the same male has nested there for six years.

# Red all over

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### bones are those of Tsar ics, the scientists calculate that the sequence match, the fact that there is heteroplasmy at the same position, and the proved beyond doubt that close match between DNA from the Tsarina and the bones dug up in eastern Russia five years ago are those Duke of Edinburgh, mean of Tsar Nicholas II, who was that the DNA data are 100 murdered by the Bolsheviks in million times more likely if the remains are those of the The identification was al-Romanovs than if they are ready almost certain after from an unrelated family.

doubt over the Tsar's bones, however, after a failure to achieve a perfect match with the DNA of two surviving maternal relations, Countess Xenia Cheremeteff-Sfiri and the Duke of Fife. At one position along the mitochon-drial DNA, which is inherited through the maternal line, the Tsar showed an anomaly that did not match his two

relations. DNA consists of long molecules whose code is formed by the order of occurrence of four "bases" - adenine, cytosine, guanine and thymine. At position 16169 on the DNA sequence, the two relations both had a thymine, while the bones believed to come from the Tsar had a cytosine. Further analysis showed that the Tsar's DNA was in fact a mixture: 70 per cent of it had cytosine at this position and the other 30 per cent thymine. a phenomenon known to geneticists as heteroplasmy.



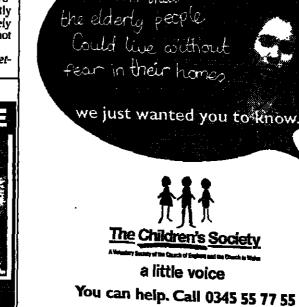
Dr Peter Gill at Aldermaston was able to put at no more than 98.5 per cent the probability that the remains were the Tsar's. The Russian Orthodox Church demanded stronger proof. As a result Tsar Nicholas's brother. Grand Duke Georgij, was exhumed from his grave in St Peter and St Paul Cathedral in St Peters burg in July 1994. Georgij died of TB in 1899 at

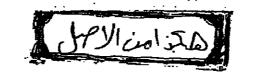
the age of 28. The Russian forensic scientist Dr Pavel Ivanov took samples of DNA from his leg bones and they were analysed at the US Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory in Rockville. Maryland. The Grand Duke's DNA shows heteroplasmy occurring at exactly the same position - extremely unlikely if the two were not

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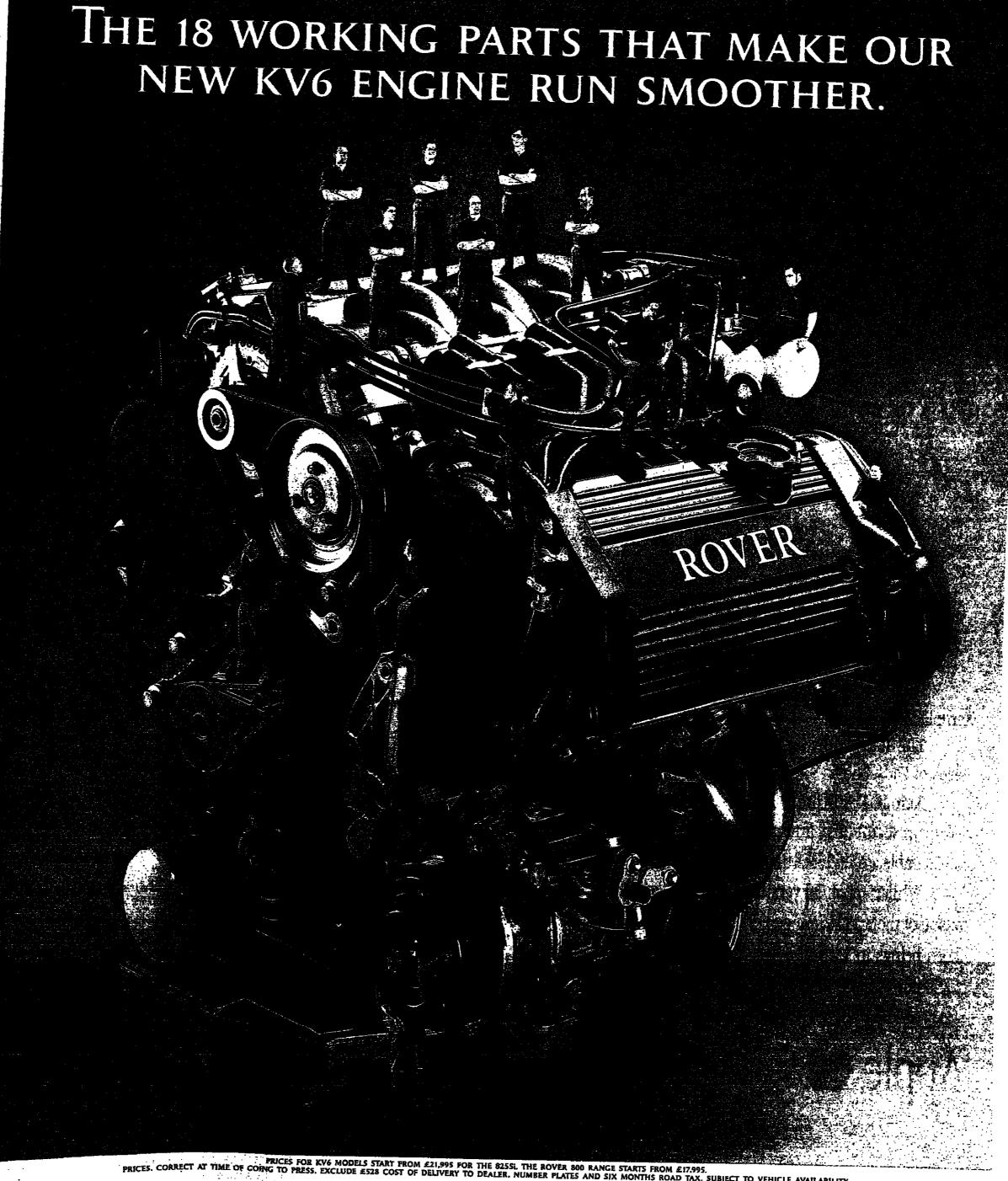
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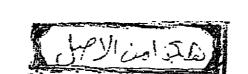
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Lilley: hopes to save £40 million a year

# Single mothers must name fathers or lose more benefit

By DOMINIC KENNEDY SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

PETER LILLEY is today expected to dock nearly £20 a week from the income of single mothers who refuse to name the fathers of their

The Social Security Secretary hopes to save £40 million a year by taking action against the 50,000 single mothers on income support who will not co-operate with the Child Support Agency. The women are already punished by having 20

per cent of their £46.50 a week personal allowarice docked for six months and 10 per cent for the next 12 months. After that, their benefit returns to normal.

Mr Lilley wants to halt the growth in the numbers of unco-operative mothers by increasing that penalty. removing 40 per cent of their allowance, or £18.60. He will be accused of snatching money from the families of battered women. Although there is an exemption for those who fear being assaulted by former partners, researchers say

that many vulnerable women are unaware of this right.

Ideally, ministers would like to cut benefits indefinitely but since this could require legislation they will probably settle for a time limit. The amount of money women are paid for each child — £15.95 a week for under-11s and £23.40 for those

aged 11 to 15 - will be unaffected. Caroline Glendinning, author of a Joseph Rowntree Foundation report on the CSA published yesterday, said: "You can't protect the living standards of children from a

cut like that." Families pooled income rather than dividing it between parents and children. She knew of women worried about violence who were put under pressure to co-operate with the CSA without being properly informed of their right to refuse.

The Department of Social Security believes that the system is much abused. It says that in cases where it refuses to accept that women have good cause to be afraid of naming the father, only a few appeal against the decision. Many then withdraw their claims for benefit, raising suspicion of fraud. Only one in 25 single mothers whose benefit is now cut complains of hardship, suggesting they have another source of income, possibly from absent fathers colluding

against the agency.

Frank Field, Labour MP and chairman of the Social Security Select Committee, welcomed the crackdown but said that it should have happened years ago. "We are talking about penalties on parents many of whom are clearly colluding

against the taxpayer," he said. But the National Council for One Parent Families condemned Mr Lilley's proposals. "It is extremely dangerous to assume that non-cuoperation with the agency necessar-ily indicates fraud," Karin Pappenheim, the director, said. "We know that the number of lone parents applying for exemption is broadly consistent with levels of domestic violence. Many have well-

founded fears that naming the

father of their child would increase

the risk of violence."

# Gummer heralds competition in water industry

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WATER companies will be forced to compete with a new generation of smaller firms under plans announced by the

Government yesterday.

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, hailed the new reforms as only the first stage in a wide-ranging programme of changes aimed at improving services and reducing prices. He published a consultation paper setting out his plans to extend competition by allowing new companies access to water and sewerage pipes.

The proposed changes would also remove restrictions limiting companies to specific areas of the country and would enable the present suppliers to sub-contract water However, consumer groups

and industry analysts were sceptical about whether the changes would loosen the

water companies' grip on the market and whether customers would see lower prices in the short term. Opposition politicians accused the Goverriment of launching a "cosmetic" exercise to disguise the problem of increased charges and poor services in the water industry. They also complained that the moves would affect only a minute proportion of businesses and would not reach domestic users for many years, if at all.

The changes will apply only to the supply of water to Britain's largest companies, or those using an unusually large amount of water, such as steel works and breweries. These include about 600 companies that consume more than 220,000 gallons of water a year, equivalent to the daily water supply to 500,000 domestic consumers. Mr Gummer said: "The

in Europe, and electricity and gas prices had fallen.
But Frank Dobson, Shadow
Environment Secretary, said Mr Major had gone back on his word. "We all know how the Tories make promises and break promises but it usually takes longer than 48 hours. This must be some sort of

Government is looking to

increase progressively compe-

tition in the water industry

within a strong regulatory framework designed to ensure

effective protection and en-

hancement of water quality

and the environment. Compe-

tition provides opportunities

for customers to choose the

combination of price and ser-

vice which best meets their

particular needs. Where such

choice does already exist, com-

petition offers operators the

opportunity to provide it where they believe it would be

Labour claimed that the proposals fell short of prom-

ises made by John Major to

Tories in Harrogate this week-

end, when he said that bene-fits enjoyed in other privatised

utilities would be felt by water

customers. The Prime Minis-ter said that telephone calls

were now among the cheapest

profitable.

These proposals do noth-ing about the fundamental failings of the privatised water industry with its soaring prices, profits and bosses' pay and perks. It does nothing to stop the scandal of the environmental damage of taking too much water from rivers

industry analyst, said: "The practical problems of introducing competition into local monopolies are going to be enormous and I think they are just trying to bang the drum." Water privatisation differed from that of the gas, telecommunications and electricity industries because water was a natural resource, varying from region to region.



Screen presence: Gordon Brown in Tamworth and Tony Blair in London holding a press conference yesterday

# Brown attacks Tory 'tax hypocrisy'

By JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

COUNCIL tax increases that come into

effect this week will be equivalent to a 2p rise in the basic rate of income tax, Gordon Brown claimed yesterday. The Shadow Chancellor, campaigning

in the Staffordshire South East by-election, said that Tory plans meant that 22 national tax rises over the past three years would be followed by three years of council tax increases. "Today we have the real tax double whattimy — the new April Tory tax bombshell."

Mr Brown, speaking via satellite link to a press conference in London, said that that the council tax rises and higher business rates would cancel out any extra money that people would receive from

income tax cuts. He added: "It shows the hypocrisy of the Tories."

Council tax payers would have to

pay an extra £2.5 billion. Once business rates had been taken into account it would be increased to at least £3.5 billion. he said.

Last week Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chairman, made clear that the party would start campaigning on the return if the "feel-good" factor, through lower mortgages, lower tax bills and lower unemployment. But Labour is deter-mined to counter any possible Tory

Yesterday Tony Blair said: "What the Tories are giving back with one hand, they are taking with the other. People are still paying tax on more of their income, they are still paying

higher mortgages than they would have been and they are still paying the new "And now the Tories have found a new

backdoor way to put taxes up — they are holding back government support to councils and forcing council taxes up to fund the tax cuts they want to introduce

in the Budget."

Mr Blair referred to an admission by
William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, that the Government was assuming an 8 per cent increase in council taxes this year. He also quoted Paul Brittan, head of local government finance at the Department of the Environment in 1995, who said that ministers intended the proportion of council tax to rise from 21 per cent ot 26 per cent by 1998

# Libel law reform may cut awards

By ALICE THOMSON

MASSIVE libel awards could become a rarity under reforms being debated in the Lords today which would ensure that judges rather than juries

fix damages in most cases.
The Defamation Bill aims to create a new fast track for libel cases handled by judges in an attempt to end the wide variation in sums at present awarded against newspapers and

broadcasters by juries.
It is hoped that it will weed out large numbers of claims that now go to jury trial in the hope of big awards, and that it will help those who have been deterred from bringing cases because of the costs.

The Bill, put forward by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, would mean that smaller libel actions could be dealt with quickly and cheaply. Plaintiffs would be able to go straight to a judge to seek an order that the record be put straight. Awards could be granted for damages of up to £5,000. The advantage would be swift corrections and moderate compensation rather than a long, unwieldy and expensive court case.

The Bill also proposes new defences for defendants willing to offer amends to plain-tiffs and for printers and distributors, who can be sued even though they are not primarily responsible for publication

Lord Hoffmann originally proposed the Bill, which has wide support from the legal profession.

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# Householders will not benefit yet

By Alasdair Murray

unlikely to bring down domestic water bills in the forseeable future, industry experts say. There are fears that householders could even have to pay more than 250 megalitres a

more as companies try to year would be able to negotirecoup lost revenue from major users by increasing prices water company of their choice. customers. But Ofwat, the water regulator, said it was taking steps to prevent companies passing on costs to domestic consumers. Peter Boulding, of the

Centre for Regulated industry, "The major cause of rising bills over the past few years has been EU water quality legislation. Many of the directives are not yet in force and bills will still rise even with competition." The chief beneficiaries of the Gov-

THE Government's plans are ernment's plan would be the unlikely to bring down domes 600 matter industrial water users, which include the brewers and chemical companies. such as ICI. Companies using ate a price directly with a The Government and Ofwat

say that the common carriage principle will be gradually expanded to include domestic consumers. The Government is also keen to remove the water company's monopoly over connections, allowing new homeowners to find a cheaper alternative. But consumer groups emphasised that there were major practi-cal difficulties to overcome water competition could become a reality.

IN PARLIAMENT and lakes during dry spells." Marshall Whiting, a water



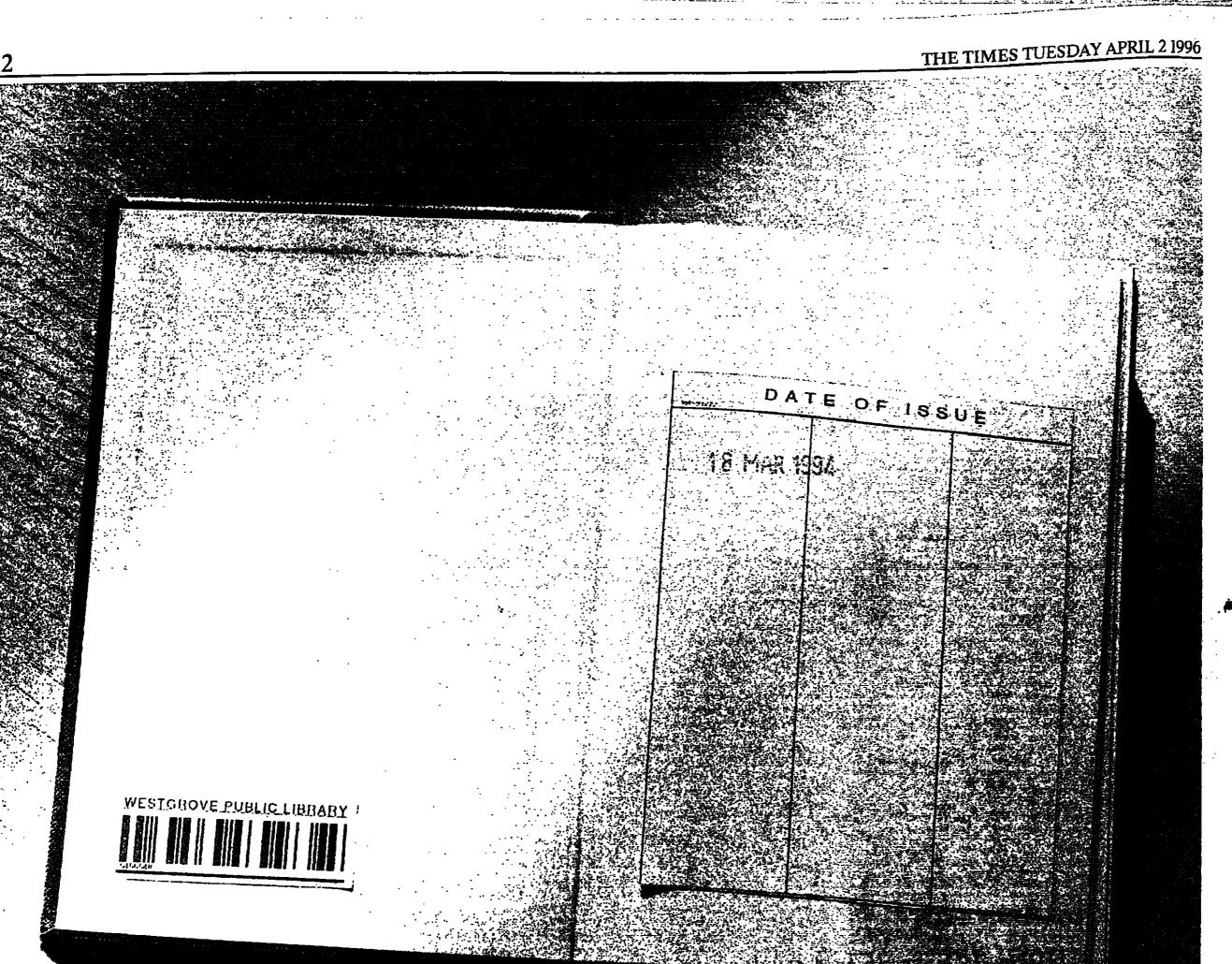
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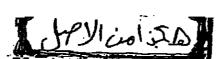
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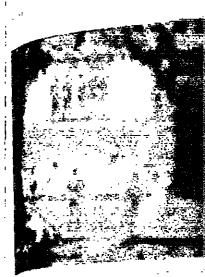


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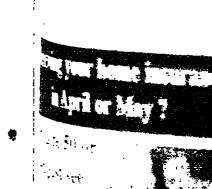
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**Muslims** 

defy Serb

rule over

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FROM STACY SULLIVAN

THE map-makers in Dayton. Ohio, neatly partitioned Bos-

nia-Herzegovina in two, but a

sloppy pen stroke has left six

all-Muslim villages on the

In the hills of northern

Bosnia, about 15 miles east of

Tuzla, the six hamlets theoreti-

cally came under Bosnian

Serb control last month. The

Muslim villagers, unlike the

Serbs who fled Sarajevo when

it came under the Bosnian

Government's domain, are de-

termined to stay. They have

refused to let Serb authorities enter Kovacevici and the Serbs

"I know we are on the wrong side of the line," said Mirsad Kahrimanovic, 25.

whose surname is shared by

most villagers. Mirsad, who

spent the past three years defending Kovacevici, said:

Why should we leave? We are

Muslims and we have always

Kovacevici, which sits on

the old front line, does not look

habitable. All the walls of its

250 homes are crumbling and

there are gaping holes in them from the shell fire that they

were subjected to from only

yards away. Most have roofs

missing. However, the vil-

lagers, like most in Bosnia.

have a bond with their land

lived here."

have not dared to try.

wrong side of the line.

# Pressure grows to expel dissident after envoy's warning of risk to British exports

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# Fears over Saudi furore as BBC screens execution

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor, and Michael Evans

A NEW row between Britain and Saudi Arabia is threatening to jeopardise millions of pounds of British exports after BBC's Panorama last night showed explicit scenes of a man being publicly executed with a sword.

The programme, likely to inflame sensitivities in Riyadh, came as the Saudi Ambassador gave a warning that the continued presence in Britain of Muhammad al-Masari, a leading Saudi dissi-dent, could lead to the cancellation of the huge arms contracts and would harm Britain's relations with Saudi Arabia. Britain has signed

worth £20 billion.

His warning followed an admission to an Arab news-paper by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, that the Government was searching for another country to take Dr Masari after Dominica, the island to which Britain had hoped to deport him, had now

closed its doors to him.

Dr Ghazi al-Ghosaibi, the
Saudi Ambassador, told Panorama that unless the Government expelled Dr Masari, millions of pounds worth of contracts would be lost.

"If you are so insistent that I am going to tell you that the



The BBC's film of a public execution in Saudi Arabia

defence contracts with Riyadh

continued presence here will harm British relations and threaten British relations, I'm going to tell you that, yes," he said. He denied this amounted to blackmail by the Saudi Government.

"No, that's not blackmail. That's friends discussing a problem that is affecting both of them ... It's not blackmail; blackmail is when you do something illegal ... We are a sovereign country. We can buy wherever we want."
Dr al-Ghosaibi, whose re-

marks are only part of a lengthy interview he gave to Panorama, did not give any specific deadline for the expulsion of Dr Masari, and Saudi sources were anxious to play down any Saudi demand to Britain. Sources close to the royal family say privately that Saudi Arabia has made as mistake in drawing attention to Dr Masari and should now ignore him.

The film of the execution is likely to cause more offence, however. Saudi Arabia reacted furiously to the BBC television documentary Death of a Princess in 1980.

Executions in Saudi Arabia are prescribed for murder, rape, drug smuggling and child abuse, and are carried out in public outside a mosque after prayers on Fridays. The



Arelene Hernot, a Filipina, who claimed she was flogged for dining out with her husband and male friends

Saudi authorities make no attempt to prevent foreigners filming is forbidden.

The Panorama footage. filmed secretly, has been in existence for some time. The film shows the entire execution, but the producers decided on grounds of taste not to show the actual decapitation of the prisoner.

A spokesman yesterday said there had never been any question of including that scene, nor had Panorama

held it out because of pressure from the Saudis or from the Arelene Hernot, a Filipina,

claimed on last night's programme that she was flogged for going out in the evening for dinner with male friends. Under Saudi law females may not be seen in public in the company of a male who is not

The Government is now desperately searching for a country that will agree to take Dr Masari because Dominica

has changed its mind, follow-ing a court ruling last month. Britain had previously

reached an agreement to deport him there but last month Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, was told by an immigration appeals court judge to reconsider the deportation order. Judge David Pearl, the chief

immigration adjudicator, said there was "some force" in the argument that Dominica lacked sufficient police redissident. He also said Dominica might come under outside political pressure to expel Dr Masari to Saudi Arabia.

Yesterday, Ashworth Elwin, High Commissioner for Dominica in London, denied his Government had been under any pressure to withdraw the proposal to take Dr Masari. It had decided to do so purely because of the court ruling. Mr Elwin said Dominica was not prepared to install special safety measures

and are rebuilding their Embarrassed Bosnian government officials say they cannot understand how these six villages ended up in the Serb nation and are trying to negonate a land swap.

The villagers appear re-markably calm. After a flurry of meetings, the 600 people of Kovacevici decided that being in the Serb entity was not all that bad as long as they could remain in their village.

"The Serb police haven't dared come here yet and they probably won't." said Ferid Kahrimanovic, 40. "If I were a Serb, I'd be ashamed to come here after all that they've done. If they never managed to come here with all their tanks and equipment, how can they do it

He has a point. Given that there are no roads from Serb territory to Kovacevici, Serb police would have to pass through Bosnian territory to reach their village by car: a venture that few Serb police would be likely to undertake. Less than a mile from Kovacevici is a Serb village. We could have taken their village because the Serbs

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now with only small guns?"

abandoned it," said Mirsad. "But we didn't want to. It's theirs." He added: "Before the war we knew them well, but we don't want anything to do with them now.'

# **Chechens ignore Yeltsin's** truce and kill 28 Russians

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

mittee, complained that the

truce could be a "repetition of

the past" in which the

Chechens used a ceasefire to

There was no reaction from

most conciliatory

the rebel leader. General

Dzhokhar Dudayev, to Mr

proposal: the Russian Presi-

dent has offered to hold

regroup for fresh hostilities.

RUSSIAN soldiers in an armoured column in Chechenia suffered heavy casualties yesterday, hours after President Yeltsin's new peace plan came into force.

Twenty-eight soldiers were killed and 69 wounded when Chechen rebels attacked a convoy near the southern mountain village of Vedeno in the early hours of the morning, Interiax news agency reported. It gave no estimate of Chechen casualties. and now heads the Russian parliament's Defence Com-

The plan, which provides for a ceasefire and a partial withdrawal of troops from Chechenia, came into effect at midnight on Sunday. There were no reports of shelling by the Russians yesterday, but television reports in Moscow said Russian troop positions had been fired on 12 times. The Russian commander in

Chechenia, General Vyaches-

indirect talks through inter-mediaries. Mikhail Gorblav Tikhomirov, threw the plan's success into doubt by saying his troops might fight on, albeit at reduced intensity. achev, the former Soviet President, and Mintimer The Russians have been using bombers and heavy artillery to pound a group of Shaimiyev, President of Tartarstan, both offered themselves as mediators.

Chechen villagers into sub-The Russians refuse to talk mission in recent weeks, pay-ing no regard to civilian directly to General Dudayey. calling him a criminal, while he says that he is only pre-General Lev Rokhlin, who pared to discuss full indepencommanded the capture of dence for Chechenia Grozny in February last year ☐ Trip cancelled: President

Yeltsin yesterday postponed his scheduled trip to Ukraine on Thursday, the sixth time he has altered plans to visit his Slav neighbour in 18 months. His press spokesman.

Sergei Medvedev, said the delay was because Moscow and Kiev had yet to settle a longrunning dispute on how to divide the ageing Black Sea Fleet, based in the Crimean port of Sevastopol since 1783.

# German press rages at Britain over compensation demands

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE German press yesterday expressed outrage at British demands for total compensation for the loss of its beef herds and struck out at John Major's "national egotism".

The sharp tone seemed to reflect Bonn's impatience and was the fiercest broadside against the British Government for several months. The attacks were launched

as anxiety about "mad cow disease affected the German food economy. Slaughter-houses and butchers' shops are reporting up to 65 per cent loss of trade. Breakfast staples, such as liver sausage, and regional specialities containing offal and brain have almost disappeared.

Even chocolate manufacturers — because of a suspicion that British animal fat may be used — and milk distributors are talking of a collapse in demand. Supermarket beef prices are being slashed and the meat is clearly marked as German, but customers are giving it a wide benth. Yet British beef accounts for

about 0.1 per cent of German beef consumption, and of 108

The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung declared: "In Turin it was surprising to see the coldness and toughness with which the British are playing their insular game of one against all, interpreting European solidarity as a one-way

Plourac's Brittany: French health officials yesterday began destroying a 124-strong herd of cattle in this village after one animal was found to have "mad cow" disease. If was the third herd destroyed in France this year because of the disease. All but three of the 16 cases discovered in France since 1991 have been in Brittany. (Reuter)

cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease reported since 1994 only two could conceivably be the new variant. The latest suspected victim of the new strain was identified yesterday as a woman in her early thirties who was mainly vegetarian and had never visited Britain.

street. This can be seen either as the beginning of disintegration of Europe or of an emerging 'core'. In any case the family is no longer togeth- Britain is moving off." Most commentators seem upset that Britain did not immedlately dilute its opposition to assistance. The Süddeursche Zeitung lamented: "European mem-bers are using the Union as a

righter European integration

in return for financial

kind of repair shop for mistakes made in national policy - everyone is holding out his hand for money." The paper also said: "It is important to put the spotlight on Britain's greed for profits"

Der Spiegel decided that the "mad cow" outbreak was a sign of a more general British decline. The idea that British com-

pensation should be partly financed by cutting the British budget rebate seems to have been hatched by Joachim Bitterlich, foreign policy advis-er to Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor. British Euro-sceptics are furious at this form of financing.

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THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL GARDEN VIDEO MEMBERSHIP

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# Bonn will take over information highway

By OLIVER AUGUST

GERMANY will dominate Europe once again in the new information age, according to a survey out today.

By 2000 the German media will occupy half of the European Internet, putting it on a par with its American competitors.

"Germany will be the domi-nant market in Europe, accounting for about 50 per cent of all subscribers to online news and magazine services," according to a Datamonitor report. The success is the result of the country's rolling investment in new technology. Frazer Pearce, a business

analyst and author of the report. said: "Germany has the greatest potential for growth because of the high number of people who buy PCs. It also has a cable television system that, used with the telephone, can provide a faster transmission. France and Britain could

have matched Germany's armoury in the technology race, but their problems result from bad decisions made when computer technology entered the market. In Britain systems such as

Teletext are underdeveloped because of poor funding, while the French are suffering from overzealous earlier efforts. Their Minitel system is

much more versatile than Teletext, but it is also deterring many households from buying computers. Only half as many people have bought personal computers in France as in Britain.

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# Anti-terror force deploys for action in Olympics city

Alerts in Atlanta and Montana

ington afterwards. White

House aides hope Mr Clinton

will benefit from an Olympic

"feel-good" factor just as Ron-ald Reagan used the 1984 Los

Angeles Games as part of his

re-election campaign. Mr Reagan opened the Olympics

from a bullet-proof box. Mr

Clinton's profile is expected to

Experts intend that the anti-

terrorist exercises in two

weeks' time should supple-

ment the training and prepa-

rations of the security forces to be deployed at the Olympics. These include up to 20,000 guards, 10,000 soldiers, as

many as 2,000 FBI agents and

Swat teams as well as mem-

bers of the CIA and Secret

"The FBI will be taking the lead and we will be working

through some of the scenarios

that could happen," a Pentagon official said yesterday.
"Prevention is one of the better things to have at your disposal."

Even with their formidable array of anti-terrorist forces,

some experts believe that the

American authorities are de-

voting too much attention to

Olympic sites and not doing

enough to protect hotels, office

A training exercise in Febru-

the water supply.

be higher in Atlanta.

AMERICA is marshalling an anti-terrorist army in Atlanta for a series of exercises a day before the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing and amid lears of attacks on the Olympic Games.

The manoeuvres will involve the FBI, CIA, Pentagon and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and feature mock attacks on the Olympic village, hostage negotiations and bomb-disposal drills.

Although security officials from Georgia are being briefed on international antiterrorism methods by experts in Israel, the FBI is also said to be concerned about the threat posed by radical militia groups within the US.
Since the 1972 attack in

Munich against Israeli athletes by Black September, an Arab terrorist group, security has been a priority at the

Clinton has



McVeigh: transferred

should cross the White House local police force to protect the 11,000 athletes and two million lawn en route to Atlanta. He will formally open the Games visitors who will converge on in July and plans to host a party for all athletes in Wash-

The exercises, which will take place over two days before the April 19 anniversa-ry of the Oklahoma City disaster, come as a reminder of the worst act of terrorism in American history. Timothy McVeigh and Ter-

ry Nichols, the two suspects in the bombing which killed 169 people and maimed hundreds more, have been transferred to a jail in Denver, Colorado, for a preliminary hearing next week. In the meantime, almost \$300 million (£190 million) is being spent to install closedcircuit television cameras and bomb-resistant glass at many of the country's 8,200 federal

Tension between Washington and radical anti-government militias continues. The FBI is engaged in a stand-off with armed militants calling themselves the Freemen in Montana, where cautious federal agents are involved in a waiting game. They are anxious to avoid repeating the Branch Davidian disaster in Waco. Texas, three years ago. when more than 80 members

of the cult died. That incident, which gave rise to wide-scale resentment against the FBI, is thought to have spawned the Oklahoma bombing two years later.

Sympathisers of the Free men were yesterday starting ary, involving a mock siege at to rally support for the militia an Atlanta subway, left doubts about the capability of the at Lewistown, about 120 miles west of their ranch.



One of the rescued kittens being fed at North Shore Animal League's shelter at Port Washington, New York

# Red-letter day for boss cat Scarlet



Scarlet with her fur singed and right paw bandaged after rescuing her litter from a burning building

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

NEW YORK firemen are saluting the mother courage of a cat which ran repeatedly into a blaze to rescue her five kittens. By the end of her fifth sortie, her eyes were swollen by blisters, her fur singed and paws raw, but she had saved he four-week-old litter.

The cat, named Scariet by firemen, was resting yesterday with the kittens at a veterinary shelter. Despite Scarlet's battered visage and bandaged limbs, more than 500 people telephoned to offer

"We were putting out this fire in an abandoned building when I heard this cat crying." said fireman David Gianelli. "Then we saw she was bringing her little guys down and putting them outside the building. She ran in and out of that building five times to get them all out.

Scarlet carried the kittens in her mouth. She deposited each one gently and gave it a nudge of reassurance before darting back inside the blaz-

ing building.
Marge Stein, of the North Shore Animal League, where the telephone scarcely stopped ringing with offers of a home for Scarlet, said: "I think people hear so many stories about evil in the world that when there is something

like this they want to help."

Larry Cohen, a vet, added: Cats and dogs have a strong instinct to save their young but this is the most dramatic example I have ever seen."

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For the first time, the UN

budget has shrunk by \$252

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About 500 of the 800 job cuts

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from keeping posts open when

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that compensates UN staff

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who choose to quit.

# Call for colony to free 400 refugees

would ask the High Court to order the release of up to 400 Vietnamese boat people jailed in the colony unless the Gov-ernment frees them at once.

The ultimatum by Refugee Concern came after a ruling last week by the Privy Council, Hong Kong's final court of appeal, releasing 15 refugees whose continued detention was "an affront to the standards of the civilised society" to which Hong Kong aspired. After talks with the lawyers yesterday, the Government said it would reconsider the cases of the boat people, ethnic in Vietnam. (Reuter)

### **Brazil prisoners** reject gun offer

res plei Rio de Janeiro: Inmates holding 23 hostages at a maximum security prison north of Rio de Janeiro have rejected the Gov-ernment's offer of guns. money and getaway cars. The prisoners seized 40 officials and journalists during a tour of the jail four days ago. Meanwhile in Argentina, pris-oners at four jails in Buenos Aires jails were holding 25 hostages, demanding that their sentences be reduced by half. (AP. AFP)

### Dismissal plea

London: Residents of the Caribbean Turks and Caicos islands, one of Britain's last colonies, demanded the Gov-emor's dismissal for remarks in a magazine about drug and crime problems. (Reuter)

### Korean aid plea

Geneva: North Korea, admit-ting it is in trouble after floods last year, has agreed that the UN could launch a new world appeal for aid. Two months ago, it did not want such an 4? appeal. (Reuter)

### Rwandans held

Yaounde, Cameroon: A former Rwandan army colonel accused of masterminding the 1994 massacre of at least half a million people is among 12 Rwandan suspects being held here, officials said. (AP)

# Nigerians unite

Oslo: Nigerian opposition groups agreed in principle to form a united front against the country's military dictatorship during a meeting at the weekend, their Norwegian hosts revealed. (AP)

# Fiat 'father' dies

Turin: Dante Giacosa, the car designer known as the "Father of the Fiat 500", who gave Italians some of their bestloved vehicles in his 40 years with the Turin company, has died aged 91. (Reuter)

# Births 'success'

Peking: About 20.6 million people were born in China last year, 470,000 less than in 1994. The China News Service cited this as evidence of success for the nation's tough family planning policy. (Reuter)

# Thirst offence

Luanda: Arigolan police arrested a gang who stole angle-iron pylon supports from a water treatment plant, cutting the city's water supplies for two weeks, to make windows and doors. (Reuter)

# European move to condemn Peking over human rights

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

EUROPEAN Union countries, including Britain, have frontation as deeply embarrejected a promise by China to fully against similar resolimprove its human rights utions in the 53-member record and are to seek a international human rights king at the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

EU diplomats yesterday said that concessions offered hy China after the Europe-Asia summit in Bangkok last month were unsatisfactory. A resolution, which is bound to provoke Chinese anger, would be presented with America's backing a few days before the end of the Commission's annual session here on April 26. The text is said to appeal to

China to abide by several international human rights conventions and refers to Tibet as well as violations of cultural, religious and political rights. It also calls for better protection of children after reports on the treatment of some orphans, according to European diplomats. They conceded, however, that Chireforming its penal system. Peking regards a direct confive years, avoiding condemnation in 1995 by one vote.

Although diplomats privately admitted that the outcome was likely to be the same this vear, one European official described the move as a "final showdown" aimed at maintaining pressure on China.

Peking has repeatedly warned Western countries not to take action in Geneva and has hinted at a negative impact on trade. It is understood to have offered reforms in exchange for a promise not to table the resolution. Some EU countries, including France and Germany, were anxious to avoid a clash.

Peking: Wang Lin, 37, a Chinese state intelligence agent in the land reclamation department of northeastern Heilongjiang province, has been jailed for nine years for selling state secrets to foreign

# Spies 'proved China helped Pakistan get nuclear bomb'

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AMERICAN spies secretly riffled the luggage of Pakistan's chief nuclear weapons designer while he was on an overseas trip, according to a report published yesterday. Inside was the first concrete evidence se collaboration with Pakistan's efforts to build a nuclear bomb.

The search, in the early 1980s, vielded a drawing of a crude but highly reliable Hiroshima-sized weapon that could have come only from Peking, according to US officials. Afterwards, American nuclear scientists made a model of the weapon and confronted Pakistan's Foreign Minister in Washington. They wanted to demonstrate to Pakistan that the US knew more about its nuclear weapons programme than it realised. But the Minister, Yakub

Khan, denied any knowledge of Chinese assistance, claiming no such bomb existed. This cloak-and-dagger account appeared in The Washington Post. That such sensitive intelligence information was leaked was evidence of a serious split inside the

Clinton Administration be-

tween those seeking sanctions and others who do not want to imperil America's huge and growing investment in China.

It is a critical issue for President Clinton. If Washington has proof of the Chinese help. US government loan guarantees worth \$10 billion (£6.6 billion) to American firms doing business with China.

The matter has come to a head with the US intelligence discovery that the Chinese National Nuclear Corporation has been selling magnets to



Helms: "China will be

Pakistan for a centrifuge pro-ducing fissile material for nuclear weapons. Pakistan has denied getting the aid. China says any such sale was for peaceful purposes.

The loan guarantees have een frozen, but Mr Clinton's senior policymakers failed to reach agreement during an hour-long White House meeting. One solution is for the President to impose a penalty. then waive it. Or he could limit sanctions to the Chinese factory involved. Either way, he would have to cite national interest as the reason.

The snag is that with the election looming, the Republicans are gearing up to attack him as soft on China in the face of its war games against Taiwan, human rights record. piracy of Western CDs and software, and determined exports of nuclear know-how.

Notice that China will become an election issue was served by Jesse Helms, the Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He has declared that the Administration "has neither a strategy nor resolve" for

# **UN** ends promise of job for life with 800 redundancies

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE days when a job at the idea to try to move forward United Nations virtually guaranteed a lifetime of secure idient organisation that delivemployment came to an ers results without wasting abrupt halt yesterday with the veening inhours that will trim almost 8 per cent of UN staff.

Joseph Connor, the retired Price Waterhouse executive who is now the UN's chief financial officer, summoned ambassadors vesterday to announce that 800 of the organisation's 10,115 secretarial staff will have to leave this year

News that the dreaded phenomenon of "downsizing" had reached the UN spread gloom throughout the headquarters in New York, where staff trainsed from one farewell party to the next for

colleagues. The cuts were forced on the UN by an aggressive US Administration responding to criticism of the organisation by the Republican-controlled Congress.

But the staff reductions were welcomed by other big contributors to the UN budget, including Britain. "It's a good

The first wave of voluntary redundancies has already begun in a process that many UN staff say will simply guarantee that all the best

officials leave to find other iobs while the dead wood remains. The most prominent official

to accept the buy-out so far is François Giuliani, a Frenchman who worked at the UN for 24 years. He is to take up a post as spokesman for New York's Metropolitan Opera.

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# Audiences slaughter Hollywood pirates at box office

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

HOLLYWOOD executives, plus some badly bruised bankers, will discover soon if the greatest flop in film history can "dip under the ton". Cutthroat Island, starring Geena Davis and portraying 17th-century piracy, has lost more than \$105 million (£69.5 million) so far, a figure that may shrink into double figures only if there is adequate interest in its video release this month.

Yesterday was the first anniversary of Cutthroat Island's "wrap party". a lavish affair in Thailand where the crew shot the last few frames of blue Andaman Sea. Neither the director, Renny Harlin, nor his star actress and wife. Geena. attended - an indication of the problems that have beset the film

When Cutthroat Island reached the American box office in December, its studio had sunk into bankruptcy. Even before the first clapperboard snapped shut, the film lost its male star, Michael Douglas, followed by the producer, chief camerman and more than 20 of his disenchanted crew. Liam Neeson, Keanu Reeves and Ralph Fiennes all declined to replace Douglas, who reportedly felt that Davis's role was

audiences cried with laughter and being given more wind than his

Cutthroat Island fell foul of European Community laws on horse transportation, and the animals had to be airlifted rather than shipped more cheaply to Malta. A photographic director fell out of a crane and broke his leg. sewage leaked into a tank where the actors were expected to swim, and Davis remained on set only after learning that a clever legal clause prevented her from leaping overboard. The final blow was a delay in release. which meant that it went up against numerous Christmas films. When the film opened. American

release was suspended after less than a month. Insiders were stunned". Ten years ago a film that bombed in America had a second chance elsewhere. With the onset of

more difficult to offset a bad start. On Douglas's orders the script was reworked by the best writers available, and the director had a proven track record with Cliffhanger and Die Hard 2.

global television newscasts, it is

However, the torrid events on location and a ballooning budget confirmed the theory among Hollywood executives that maritime movies are cursed. Cutthroat Island was in progress just as the media were full of sorry details about Kevin Costner's \$200 million (£131 million) Waterworld. For Costner, the bad publicity

served an unexpected dividend: it created such public fascination that the supposedly unwatchable film recently recouped its costs. Films that have lost the most

money in their first two years on the market are Cutthroat Island (1995/6): Ishtar (1987): Heaven's Gate (1980); Paint Your Wagon (1969); Cleopatra (1963): Mutiny on the Bounty (1962): Fantasia (1940): The Wizard of Oz (1939): Foolish Wives (1922); Intolerance (1916).

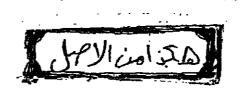


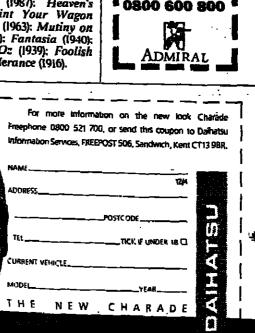
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The collision between two competition surfboats on Queensland's Gold Coast which led to the death of Robert Gatenby. 15, drowned after being washed into the waves

# Lifesavers mourn death in the surf

FROM REUTER IN SYDNEY

were in mourning yesterday after a carnival in cyclone surf left one drowned and scores injured, prompting criticism that organisers should have called off the event.

Robert Gatenby, 15, a junior surfboat crew member, disappeared into boiling surf on Sunday after a collision with another boat in 10ft waves off a beach on Queensland's Gold Coast.

A doctor who treated some of the 40 injured lifesavers. who included women, said that he had telephoned organisers to inform them of the dangerous head, neck and back injuries being suffered. "A number of the competitors we treated said they felt the conditions were unsafe," Barry Rigby said.

The event was postponed on Friday because of dangerous surf, but women competi-tors unsuccessfully sought the postponement of their event

LIFESAVERS in Australia on Saturday. Reen Corbett. one of the injured, said: "Lifesaving is about saving lives, not about putting lives in jeopardy."

But the father of the dead lifesaver supported the decision not to call off the carnival. Jeffrey Gatenby, who watched his son drown, said: "He loved lifesaving and was keen to go out. It was his choice. What happened was one of the tragic hazards of

lifesaving.

Scott Derwin, chief executive of Surf Life Saving Australia, said the organisation would hold an immediate investigation, but denied that the surf was unsafe. He also rejected suggestions that the carnival was not called off because of television commitments. "Our lifesavers are called upon in their voluntary capacity to undertake rescues in more difficult circumstances than what they were faced with yesterday." he said.

# Peres pledges ballot on peace with Palestinians

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

SHIMON PERES, the Israeli Prime Minister, yesterday pledged for the first time to stage a referendum on any final peace agreement with the Palestinians, including the future status of the contested holy city of Jerusalem.

The surprise move came before the final status negotiations on Jerusalem, Israeli settlers and other contentious issues, due to begin with the Palestinian Authority within days of the Israeli general election next month.

Government officials said that Mr Peres's initiative, announced while the Prime Minister was flying to begin a historic trip to the Gulf states of Oman and Qatar was a shrewd move aimed at bringing over undecided voters afraid that a new Labour government led by Mr Peres would make too many concessions to the Palestinians.

"This step was not made known in advance, but it seems a very sensible way for

Mr Peres to reassure voters that they will have a second chance on deciding on the terms of any deal with the Palestinians if they return him to power," a senior official said.

Previously Mr Peres had only announced that he would stand by the promise originally made by his assassinated predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, to



Peres: opposed to the division of Jerusalem

hold a national referendum before the terms of any peace treaty with Syria involving the return of the occupied Golan Heights were finally

Mr Peres, who is once again ahead of his right-wing rival Binyamin Netanyahu in the opinion polls after his standing was hit by the recent spate of Islamic suicide bombs, said:



Netanyahu: overtaken in opinion polls by Peres

"I will ask the Igoverning Labour party for a mandate to handle negotiations on the final status with the Palestin-ians and to inform them that we will hold a referendum. When you handle negotiations such as these you want to bring results that will have a majority. That is the biggest limitation that exists."

The new referendum pledge was seen by Labour campaign aides as a firm bid bý Mir Peres to wrongfoot Mr Netanyahu's Likud bloc, which launched its campaign with claims that Mr Peres was prepared to hand back annexed east Jerusalem to the Palestinians as part of the final status deal. Mr Peres has stated repeatedly his opposition to the future division of the holy city being demanded by the Palestinians, who like the Israelis claim it as their Palestinian officials are con-

cerned that the referendum could lessen their chances of securing acceptable conces sions from Israel about a permanent solution to the problem. They are already angry at the continued closure of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip after the suicide attacks, although Israel announced a slight easing of its five-week blockade of the territories yesterday, saying 3,000 Palestinian workers would soon be allowed to return to their jobs in the Jewish state. Israelis are divided over the "land for peace" formula, with a majority believed to be

against any handover of east Jerusalem, territory conquered from Jordan in the 1967 war. Yesterday, as Mr Peres was

presenting his scheme, Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Authority President, publicised a letter to the Cairo-based Arab League accusing Israel of "declaring war" by virtue of its recent policies, including the continuing closure of the occupied territories, collective pun-ishments and refusal to withdraw troops from Hebron as agreed last week.

Cairo: The leader of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad yesterday vowed that the "human bomb attacks on Israel would never stop until the last Jews had left the lands of Palestine.

The Jews will not enjoy safety until they return to the countries in which they lived before they raped our Palestine." Ramadan Abdullah Shallah told the Arab weekly al-Wasat. (AFP)



Mother Teresa: fall

# Mother Teresa breaks her collar bone

Delhi: Mother Teresa, 85, was "stable" in hospital last night after falling and breaking her collar bone (Christopher Thomas writes).

She was driven through the chaotic Calcutta traffic from her Missionaries of Charity headquarters to the Woodlands Clinic, one of the city's best hospitals, after the accident. A spokesman said there was "no cause for concern".

She was to have received a £7 million shipment of pharmaceuticals from Heart to Heart International, an American-based charity, yesterday.

# Americans alerted to Bahrain risks

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

THE United States Embassy in Bahrain has issued a new security alert to all its 3,500 citizens on the island in the face of growing unrest. A 15month series of pro-democracy riots led last month to the first execution in the strategic Gulf state for two decades. "In light of a recent increase

of civil disturbances in Bahrain, including bomb attacks against hotels and restaurants frequented by foreigners, the US Embassy believes the risk to public safety has increased," callers to its security hotline are being warned.

Security concerns have also been growing recently among the estimated 5,000 British expatriates in Bahrain.

At the weekend arrests were reported in the impoverished Shia Muslim villages that ring the capital, Manama. The Shia uprising against the ruling al-Khalifa family, which belongs to the Sunni Muslim minority, has taken on wider significance because Bahrain is the headquarters of the US Fifth Fleet and a key regional financial

centre. At least nine bombs have exploded in different areas since July, including three planted at luxury hotels and two at restaurants frequented by foreigners. Strict security measures are in force at all places of entertainment and many foreigners have moved from isolated properties near the Shia villages and towns, where walls are daubed with anti-government

ing the return of the local parliament, dissolved by the al-Khalifas in 1975, the release of hundreds of prisoners arrested in a recent clampdown, and an increase in job opportunities. Clashes between villagers and security forces have become an almost nightly occurrence.

The protesters are demand-

In recommending that Americans in Bahrain exercise "strong caution", the embassy says they should avoid travel to all villages, particularly Sitra and Jidhafs, Seven Bangladeshi workers died this month in a fire-bomb attack at a Sitra restaurant.

# Korean coup 'was justified'

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN SECUL

ROH TAE WOO, the former President of South Korea. denied vesterday that politically motivated army generals imposed martial law to propel Chun Doo Hwan into power 16 years ago.

Standing trial with Mr Chun on treason and mutiny charges, Mr Roh said that, without martial law, student protests would have led to anarchy and North Korea might have attacked. "We believed that the Government had limited power to settle the turmoil, so we thought that an extension of martial law was required," Mr Roh said.

Mr Chun and Mr Roh, then major-generals, swept into a power vacuum left by the assassination of the dictator Park Chung Hee in 1979. Park's sudden demise led to demands for democracy.

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# Hardship and violence stalk Britain's envoys

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

LAST year there were 145 incidents of serious violence against Foreign Office staff and their families, including the fatal shooting of a diplomat in Nairobi. Increasingly. according to the head of the diplomatic service, diplomats are having to learn to live with violence.

About 100 posts abroad are already classified as hardship posts, Sir John Coles, the Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, will tell a conference today. As well as violence, lack of medical facilities can cause real problems, and in some countries diplomats have to travel with complete medical kits, including plasma. syringes and needles as well as dressings and splints.

One such hardship post is the embassy in Kigali, where a woman has just been ap-pointed as Britain's first resi-dent Ambassador to Rwanda. Women also serve in difficult posts in Tashkent, Beirut and Minsk, where Jessica Pearce has been appointed to Belorussia at the age of 38. But they are part of only a

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small minority of women who have made it to the top, as Sir John freely admits. Women now account for 57 per cent of the yearly intake, but head only eight missions overseas.

The dearth of women in the senior ranks today reflects attitudes and recruitment practices of 20 or 30 years ago," he will tell a conference on the future of diplomacy. In future women diplomats

will receive time off after childbirth, will be able to vary their working hours, have the option of working part-time and may be able to hire home helps or leave babies at emor Foreign Office Until 1972, any woman dip-

lomat was obliged to resign if she married; even now, married women often leave the service at childbirth or if their husbands cannot join them in

Sir John also speaks of the difficulty recruiting ethnic minority staff, a point made in the recent Foreign Office report. At present they make up only 3 per cent of staff. "We are determined to change

that," he said. "I want our service to be more representative of Britain's ethnic make up. We are trying hard to encourage members of the ethnic minorities to apply. These days you won't only find the diplomatic service advertised in The Independent and The Guardian but also in The Asian Times, the

Chinese Times." He says commercial work is now the Foreign Office's top priority; more staff abroad are engaged in this than in any other activity, and their numbers have risen by 100 over the past two years. A report to be published by the National Audit Office tomorrow will show that for every £1 spent on trade promotion in South-East Asia, Britain stimulated

Caribbean Times and the

£80 of exports. He also gives examples of small successes in breaking into new markets. British diplomats recently helped clinch the sale of £10,000 of bouncy castles to Egypt, £66,000 of whisky to Macedonia and £70,000 of dental floss and toothbrushes to Brazil.

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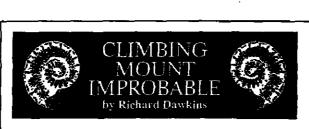
stupefyingly large number. Moreover, of all the trillions of possible arrangements of the parts of an eye, only a tiny minority would see. Darwin knew this. "To suppose that the eye," he wrote, "could have been formed by natural selec-tion seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest possible

degree." Darwin, however, saw his doubts as a challenge to go on thinking, not a welcome excuse to give up. At the simplest level, we find eyes that scarcely deserve to be recognised as eyes at all. Some single-celled organisms, some jellytish, starfish leeches and various other kinds of worms are incapable of forming an image, or even of telling the direction from which light comes. All that they can sense (dimly) is the presence of (bright) light, somewhere in

The next progression is the evolution of the living equivalent of the photocell, a cell specialised for capturing the photons of light with a pigment and translating their impact into nerve impulses. The more layers of pigment you have, the greater the chance of catching any one photon. Advanced eyes like ours have millions of photocells densely packed like pile in a carpet, and each one of them is set up to capture as many photons as possible.

Photocells on their own just tell an animal whether there is light or not. The next step of improvement must have been the acquisition of some rudimentary sensitivity to direc-tion of light and direction of movement of, say, a menacing shadow. The minimal way of achieving this is to back the photocells with a dark screen on one side only. A transparent photocell without a dark screen receives light from all directions and cannot tell where the light is coming from. An animal with only one photocell in its head can steer towards, or away from, light, provided the photocell is backed by a screen.

A better way is to have more than one photocell pointing in different directions, each one



Even Darwin expressed doubts that natural selection could produce an eye

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by comparing the rates of photon rain on the two cells you can make inferences about direction of light. If you have a whole carpet of photocells, a better way is to bend the carper, with its backing screen, into a curve so that the photocells on different parts of the curve are pointing in systematically different directions. A convex curve can give rise, eventually, to the sort of "compound eye" that insects have. A concave curve is a cup and it gives rise to the other main kind of eye, the camera eye like our own.

A cup eye on its own is far from capable of forming what we humans, with our excellent eyes, would recognise as a proper image. Why would an unaided carpet of photocells. or a shallow cup, not see an image of, say, a dolphin, even

> 'Evolution of a lens could take just half a million years'

when the dolphin is conspicuously displayed in front of it? The light rays giving the image of the dolphin are swamped by any number of rays going in every other Every bit of the dolphin sends a ray to every point on the retina. And not just every bit of the dolphin, but every bit of the background and of everything else in the scene. You can think of the result as an infinite number of dolphin images, in every possible pos-

ition on the surface of the cup

and every possible way up and way round. The eye is seeing too much: an infinity of dolphins instead of only one. The obvious solution is to subtract: cut out every dolphin image except one.

One way is to deepen and enclose the cup until the aperture has narrowed to a pinhole. Now the vast majority of rays are prevented from entering the cup. The minority that remain are just rays that form a small number of similar images – upside down – of the dolphin. If the pinhole becomes extremely small, the blurring disappears and a single, sharp picture of the dolphin remains.

A first thought suggests that

the pinhole ought to work rather well, provided you make it small enough. But two snags arise. One is diffraction. It is a blurring problem that results from the fact that light behaves like waves, which can interfere with each other. This blurring gets worse when the pinhole is very small. The other snag is that when the pinhole is small enough to make a sharp image, it necessarily follows that so little light gets through the hole that you can see the object well only if it is illuminated by an almost unattainably bright light. With the pinhole design you can have a sharpish but dark image, or a brightish but fuzzy one. You cannot have both. Fortunately, there is a way to achieve a bright and yet

simultaneously sharp image. First, think of the problem we broaden the pinhole out to let in a nice lot of light. But instead of leaving it as a gaping hole, we insert a "magc window", a masterpiece of electronic wizardry embedded in glass and connected to a computer. The property of this computer-controlled window is the following. Light rays.



instead of passing straight through the glass, are bent to converge on a corresponding point on the retina. The result of the magic window is that a perfect image of the dolphin appears on the retina. It's all very well to conjure up a 'magic window", but where is this wonderful computer to come from, if not from a complicated miracle? Is this re we meet our Waterloof

Remarkably, the answer is no. The computer is just an imaginary creation to emphasise the apparent complexity of the task if you look at it in one way. But if you approach the problem in another way the solution turns out to be ludicrously easy. There is a device of preposterous simplicity which happens to have exactly the properties of our magic window, but no electronic wizardry, no complication at all. That device is the lens. You don't need a computer. The apparently complicated calculations of millions of ray angles are taken care of by a curved blob of transparent

rudimentary lens-like objects to come into existence spontaneously. Any old lump of half-way transparent jelly need only assume a curved shape (there are all sorts of reasons why it might) and it will immediately confer at least a slight improvement on a simple cup or

pinhole. Lenses might have evolved in the first place, from a vitreous mass that filled the

The principle of how it might have happened, and the speed with which it might have been accomplished, has been beautifully demonstrated in a computer model. A pair of Swedish biologists called Dan Nilsson and Susanne Peiger have shown that there is a smooth trajectory of improvement from a flat non-eve to a good fish eye. They were also able to use their model to estimate the time it would take to evolve an eye from nothing. Their estimate was actually astoundingly short. It turned out that it would take only about 364,000 generations to

evolve a good fish eve with a

How long is 364:000 generations in years? That depends on the generation time, of course. The animals we are talking about would be small marine animals like worms, molluses and small fish. For them, a generation typically takes one year or less. So Nilsson and Pelger's

of the lens eye could have been accomplished in less than half a million years. And that is a very, very short time indeed, by geological standards.

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# Ghostly tales of old age

MY FIRST house in Norfolk was said to be one of the most haunted in the county. Doors opening and shutting, footsteps, the noise of furniture being dragged across rooms became commonplace.

My family never saw anything untoward, but later an elderly neighbour said that after we left he had seen an old woman without her lower legs walking in the paddock by the house.

Another manifestation of the haunting? Or could my informant be suffering from the first symptoms of Lewy Body dementia? Lewy Body dementia affects 35,000 people in the UK. Visual hallucinations are common: patients are apt to see headless people, others cut off at the waist or without legs, or disem-bodied limbs. The correct diagnosis is important since the standard treatment for hallucinations, a neuroleptic drug, worsens the condition.

Patients with Lewy Body dementia are not the only older people to be inappropriately treated with powerful neuroleptics. A recent report in the British Medical Journal of a survey in Glasgow showed 24 per cent of patients admitted to nursing homes for the elderly were receiving neuroleptic drugs, but in eight out of ten the reasons for their prescription failed to satisfy the guidelines for their use. The side effects increased confusion, bizarre facial grimacing, dizziness and unsteadiness make these drugs unsuitable for patients suffering from no more than the insomnia, restlessness and tetchiness of age.

By using scanning pro-cedures, Dr Kim Jobst at the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford has demonstrated that it is possible to differentiate between the various causes of dementia and to diagnose Alzheimer's disease which affects the medial temporal lobe of the brain, and Body dementia, which affects the cortex. Dr Alastair Macdonald, a consultant psychogeriatrician at Guy's and Hither Green hospitals in London, says that clinically Lewy Body dementia has four characteristics: toms similar to Parkinson's disease; the level of dementia fluctuated: most of the neuroleptic drugs made them worse, and half had hallucinations.

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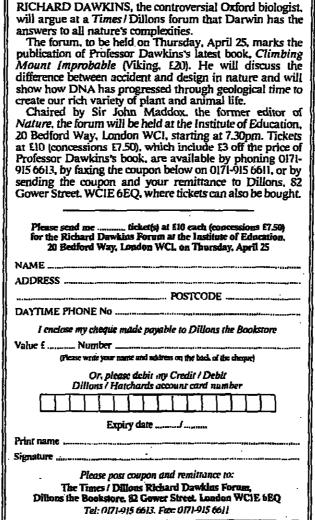
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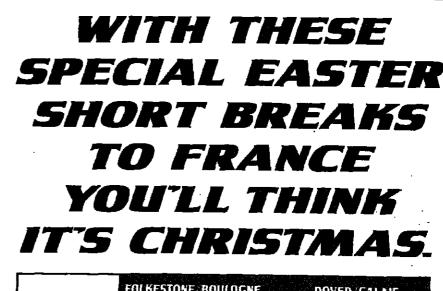
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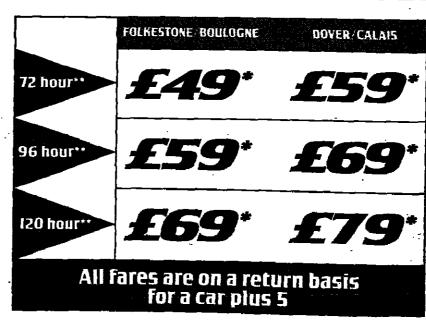
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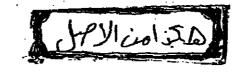
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Giles Coren surfs through Debrett's People of Today on CD-Rom and begins to get the measure of the meritocracy No Darrens in the Athenaeum

hen Debrett's People of Today was published for the first time, in 1988, it was billed as the antidote to Who's Who, a pantheon to which achievement and merit would ensure entry, rather than birth and breeding. It was to be populist, democratic and without prejudice, a symbol of the classless society with which it all but shared a birthday.

Yet in the 1996 edition, there are 43 people called Piers.

I know this not because I have counted them, nor because I have 43 friends called Piers who are all terribly important. I know it because the 1996 edition has been published on CD-Rom. It is surely greatest democratic statement to date. The names of the 34,000 leading lights of our meritocracy are now available for scrutiny by the bug-eyed nerds who prefer their reference libraries interactive. Simply fork out two hundred quid for your plastic disc, load it into the relevant hardware, and take your pick from the menu. In the old days, when you

wanted to know how many professional nutritionists were members of the Beefsteak Club, you had to wade through 2,000 pages and nearly five million words. Now you can type in nutritionist and Beefsteak, click your mouse, and

there are, in fact, none. This is a brave move by the 200year-old publishers, because it allows us to examine their claims of common relevance more closely than ever before. There are, for example, 43 people called St John (remember Rowan Atkinson's problem with the poshest of names in Four Weddings and a Funeral?). But there are only 29 Garys and five Darrens.

And can it be representative that 1,582 entries list cricket as a recreation, but only 542 mention football? Even more suspiciously there are as many devotees of real termis as there are of snooker.

are the clubs. Never before have these most pukka of establishments had their exclusiveness rendered so find out in less than a second that open to examination. The club best represented in the list of high achievers is the Athenaewith 870 members on the disc. Then comes

the Garrick (547),

the Army and Navy (542), Brooks's (456), the Reform White's (437), the Oxford & Cambridge (428), and Boodle's (360). The greatest iniquity to come to light, though, relates to the MCC. I found 1,160 members in the memory, of whom only 455 listed



Fiona Pitt-Kethley and Michèle Roberts share a hobby

cricket as an interest, I should like to know, on behalf of all those lovers of the game who have languished on the waiting-list for 15 years, just what those other 705

tainly. And while the MCC excludes altogether, they do not fare much better in Debrets, where 3,043 women are positively swamped by the 30,873 men.

Other strongholds of the patriarchy also remain unbreached. The treacherous cursor unearthed 1,945 Etonians (more than the number of graduates from Ox-

ford or Cambridge), 571 Harrovians and 555 Wykehamists. One third of those called St John or Piers, as it happens, were Etonians, and there are more people called Hugo (25) than

There are problems with the disc as a research tool, however, a judge who claimed to have attended "Cambrdige University" and a couple of "Cambrige" alumni escaped my Oxbridge search. Such errors make none of the discoveries watertight. Can it be true that only two Debrett's names support Queens Park Rangers? The addition of the composer Michael Nyman - who is in Who's Who - could make that figure up to three, but still too few to mess with the 22 Manchester United supporters.

Only two names give sex as a recreation, and both are female writers: the poet Fiona Pitt-Kethley and the novelist Michele Roberts. Four people like pigs, including the former Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr Robert Runcie. Fourteen go for fast cars, of whom two are women. And the democratic myth is shattered again by a mere 25 people professing a love of beer, while 693 are wine

The most popular recreations seem to be gardening and walking, but if you are setting up a poker school try inviting the sculptor Nicola Hicks and the Sun TV critic Garry Bushell. Thirty enjoyed "hunting, shooting and fishing", but when I searched for "rap music" the computer. trying to be helpful, asked:

The triumph of this CD-Rom is the illusion it creates that you are putting society under close digital scrutiny, without stirring from a plastic swivel chair or engaging a brain cell. But the excitement of searching for pig-loving oenophiles called Jemima soon fades, and you know the exercise is bogus. Something is rotten. You look from the names in the book, to the publisher, to the logic of your own browsing, and already it is impossible to say who

# · How Jilly orchestrated her novel

illy Cooper endeared herself to the Royal Scottish National Orchestra when a bottle of duty-free brandy smashed in her suitcase at Barcelona airport. "There was a trail of alcohol behind her and certain members of the orchestra were down on all fours virtually licking it up," recalls John Logan, a horn player. "It got all over her knickers, so she just took them out of her suitcase and started wringing them out," adds Miranda Phythian-Adams, a cellist.

It was 1992 and Cooper was spending a week touring Spain with the RSNO to research her latest blockbuster, Appassionata, which she describes as her "sex and Chopin novel

Last year she joined the RSNO again for a tour of Switzerland. She adored all 86 players so much that she dedicated the book to them, because they make great music and I love them all".

The feeling is mutual. Few of the orchestra had ever read a Cooper novel ("they're filth," says the principal firmpanist. Martin Gibson), but they were immediately won over by the author's gap-toothed grin and manner ly, they even gave up their day off to be in a photo-shoot to promote the book, something unheard of in the musical world, where spare time is iealousiv guarded.

"She was so nice to us all. She would say. That's lovely. absolutely lovely or You're so sweet, you were the sweetest thing on stage that night'," trills Ms Phythian-Adams.

"I think she's smashing," Mr Gibson says, "She must be a multimillionairess but she's not blase about dosh. She's just a normal person." "She's good fun, very sensitive and sincere," says Lance Green, principal trombonist.

Yet, if the disclaimer in Appassionata's six pages of acknowledgements is to be believed, the impossibly beau-

The Royal Scottish National Orchestra tell Julia Llewellyn Smith about being in a Jilly Cooper book



Jilly Cooper: novel research

tiful, endlessly witty and dazzlingly high-spirited musicians who populate the pages of to the members of the RSNO. The high jinks and bad hehaviour in the book are totally invented and I would stress that Appassionata is a work of fiction," Cooper writes. "Any resemblance to any living person or organisation is purely coincidental."

First impressions of the orchestra as it rehearses on the stage of the Usher Hall in Edinburgh seem to bear Cooper out. In Appassionata the musicians would be burping. farting, giggling and sending paper darts to the people they fancied, asking them out on dates. They would be making life hell for the female conductor, Claire Gibault, by making as much noise as possible and ignoring her directions.

In reality, the orchestra is

diligently rehearsing Mozart's Piano Concerto, with scarcely a whisper to each other be-

"Jilly wanted to find this air

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In rehearsals and on tour, the musicians were aware they were being constantly scrutiniwords to the page," says Mr "She was very interested in

the relationships between ev-

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fallen in love. Well, life isn't like that, for me at any rate." None of the musicians has

read the book and they are too poor to attend the launch next week at the Festival Hall. "I'm not sure we'd recognise ourselves in the book anyway," Mr Green says. "I think what Jilly has done is to take one person's character and put it on to another instrument."

"I'm meant to be the randy one," pipes up Stephen West principal cor anglais. "Bald

laughing. Romance aside, Cooper was

tween movements. of glamour and romance, but it was a bit rougher than she

anticipated," explains Mr Green. "She was looking for a lot more scandal than she found."

the guys in white ties and tails and the girls wearing gowns. and it looks glamorous," says Mr Gibson. "But it's pretty grotty backstage."

sed. "She wrote everything down in her notebook, two Logan. "She was watching your body language all the time," Mr Green reveals. "My wife, who is the associate leader of the orchestra, says she is one of the best listeners she has ever met."

ery colleague on and off stage," says David McClenaghan, principal horn. "On tour you are living very close to everyone for up to three weeks and if you don't get on difficult. We gave her lots of gossip but it was mainly about other people in other orchestras, because you're not going to drop your own friends in it."

to be really happy," says Ursula Heidecker, second violin. "The question she asked every-body was 'Are you in love?' " Cooper was especially interested in Helen Brew, second flute, who is engaged to another member of the orchestra: "She wanted me to have joined the orchestra, to have looked across it and have

but sexily so." At the centre of speculation is Mr McClenaghan, the mod-el for Viking O'Neill, Cooper's golden-haired Irish protagonist, whose description -Hero of the orchestra because of his great glamour, glorious sound and rebellious attitude causes Mr McClenaghan's colleagues to fall about

"I don't know why her hero plays the French horn," says Mr McClenaghan, who has brown hair, a round face and is wearing a brown leather jacket. "I suppose it's probably the best position to be in the orchestra. It gets all the good, heroic, romantic tunes, you can hear it above everything else and she liked the sound."

on a quest for accuracy. "She wanted to find out things about the instruments, so it sounded like she knew all about it," says Mr Logan. "She wanted to know if there was

time during a certain piece of music ʻJilly for an off-stage trumpet player to go away, have sex and be back before would ask he was needed everyone again." "She wanted to whether know all about the breathing tech-

they were

anglais," says Mr in love' West\_ The orchestra's reply was unprintable in a family newspaper, but ensured itself a place

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Appassionata.
The RSNO, it transpires, may not be as glamorous as Cooper's fictional equivalent, but it is every bit as raucous and vulgar. "Oh yes, we have lots of in-house jokes about farting," confirms Mr Green. And while we would never give a conductor a hard time, other orchestras do."

"Female conductors have it especially bad," says Ms Phythian-Adams. Their voices don't carry as well so they don't tend to be as authoritative as the men, and usually there is big trouble. We have haved today with Ms Gibault, probably because we knew we were being watched. People

have kept very quiet, when they could have made a lot of noise." And what of the touring, which Cooper describes "bonking bonanzas ... [where] players started stepping round each other, setting

up liaisons weeks before"? "That's

not true," Ms Heidecker insists. Bonking aside, however, the musicians agree that Cooper has got the details spot on. such as the fact that the musicians divide themselves between two coaches: Pond Life, for the abstainers who want to steer clear of the revelry, and Moulin Rouge for the smokers and rabble-

"Then you have the Breakfast Bandits," says Mr Logan. These creatures, whom Cooper immortalises, are so concerned about money that they decant their breakfast buffets (the only meal provided) into

plastic bags and live off that for the rest of the day. "There are some people who bring two weeks' supply of sandwiches with them. When they get home they've saved up enough lunch and dinner allowances to buy a fridgefreezer." Mr Logan explains. Moulin Rouge stalwarts regard anyone who makes it to breakfast as not being one of

Whatever the truth of Cooper's portrayal, musicians will never be seen in the same light again. And the RSNO is delighted. "We have this undeserved high-class image, and the book brings it down to your everyday punter," says Mr Gibson. "It's going to be fantastic publicity," sighs Mr McClenaghan. "I just hope we star in the television series."

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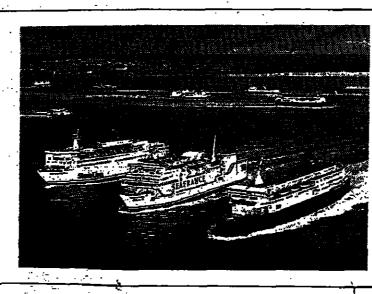


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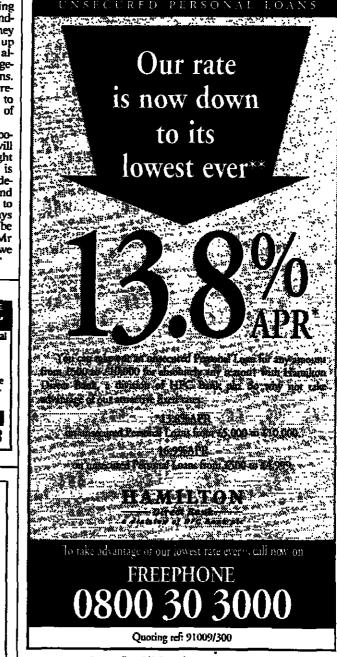
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# In praise of useless knowledge

The apparent inefficiency of the

Oxbridge tutorial system is its

true glory, says Roger Scruton

The Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, Dr Peter North, has appointed a commission of inquiry into the university's future, believing, as modern people tend to believe, that an institution which has been around for centuries must stand in urgent need of change. It is time to shake off the old image of dreaming spires and secluded cloisters. to shut up the dusty folios and to confine the interminable disputes between Aeschylus and Euripides, Racine and Shakespeare, empiricism and idealism. Tweedledum and Tweedledee to private societies of crusty scholars. The task of the university is not to foster those pursuits which madmen can perfectly well engage in unaided, but to rationalise its resources in the interests of the only criterion whereby a university can be measured -which is the quantity and

quality of its research.

To this end Dr North has employed a firm of management consultants and, as might have been predicted, the consultants. Coopers & Lybrand, have come up with a fairly negative assessment of the way things are run. All those colleges, duplicating resources. fussing

over dead contro-Thank God versies, worrying about their domestic arrangements. wasting precious money on their sepinstitutions devoted arate libraries, their separate kitchens. to the idea their separate domestic lives, and of waste their separate do-

mestic quarrels poured into a single cauldron, brought to intellectual boiling point, and reduced to the solid matter of research.

If you were worried about your family and employed a firm of management consultants to tell you how it might be organised, you should not be surprised to discover that the whole thing is grossly inefficient, that it would be hest to jettison a child here, an aunt or a grandfather there, and to rent out a few of the bedrooms. You should expect to learn that you had got off on the wrong foot by relying on sexual reproduction, and that matters were not improved by the love between husband and wife which had closed your minds to more fruitful partnerships.

Your productivity could probably have doubled without those lingering holidays. and the absurd idea of teaching your children to play the piano, to ride ponies, and to read aloud from the classics when they could have been quietly and painlessly out of the way in front of a television — is the real reason why you have fallen below the norm set by your forward-

looking neighbours. It is irrational to reform an institution in defiance of its inner nature, just as it would be irrational to reform a family in order to make it into an efficient workplace. The preeminence of Oxford and Cambridge over all other universities is not due to their record in "research" - something which only American universities have regarded as their ruling purpose. It is due to the fact that they are exemplars of the intellectual life - the life led for the sake of thought, in a world that increasingly

despises it. This life is founded on the tutorial, that unique Oxbridge institution, which does not impart information so much as teach students to organise their inner lives, so that their thought, criticism and judgment take precedence over impulse. And the ethos of the tutorial permeates the domestic arrangements of the colleges, in which scholars live side by side with their pupils, on terms which have no equivalent in the solipsistic world outside.

Of course it is not efficient — that is to say, it is not immediately efficient when judged by the criterion of research. Nor is it adapted to the "vocational" curriculum. It strongly favours useless subjects such as Greek, Latin, philosophy, pure mathematics and English. In a market economy, the collegiate university seems a gross waste of resources. But thank God for that; thank God

that in a world of short-term efficiency, there remain these few institutions devoted to the glorious idea of waste. For as surely as short-term efficiency abhors waste. long-term efficiency requires it.
The real value of

a university lies not surely the whole lot should be in research but in scholarship - which may look like research to those who have no familiarity with it. but which involves the whole person, invades and orders the mind, the soul and the emotions of those who engage in it. and is insenarable from teaching. Without scholarship, the university cannot fulfil its purpose, which is to perpetuate knowledge for its own sake and without regard to its

> nowledge that seems useless may not remain so forever. Who could have foreseen that the study of ancient history was exactly what our ancestors required when called upon to administer the Empire which we acquired in a fit of ab-sentmindedness? Who could have foreseen that the abstruse investigations of Boole, Cantor and Frege would one day produce the computer revolution? But this kind of usefulness is the unintended by-product of a study whose sole and sufficient pur-

> pose is itself. It is through the pursuit of useless knowledge that a university justifies its claim to be an irreplaceable public good. And it is the redundant scholar, surrounded by his books and visited by students, who is the finest symbol of this knowledge, and the one most likely to implant the love of it in minds young enough and unspoilt enough to see



# Britain turns flabby

t has been a lucky week to be out of Britain, out of Europe, with most of the Negev desert between me and the nearest cow. I write from the southernmost up of Israel, a short strip of gritty sand at the top of the right-hand horn of the Red Sea, known here as the Gulf of Eilat, and to the neighbours three miles over the border as the Gulf of Aqaba. I should admit that I am off duty and only here to satisfy a diving son's lust for coral; however, it has been surprisingly interesting to watch the European opera from half a world away. Seen through the wrong end of a telescope, tiny but clear, the whole sad shambles takes

Most of them are rather embarrassing. Leaving the airport and stepping out into a desert landscape of hot orange mountains and dusty Jeeps, we were asked our first question (the first, that is apart from the three dozen official variations on "Why are you here?" and "Did you let any Palestinians help with your packing?"). It came from the bus driver, lounging in his cab against an Old Testament backdrop. "You come from Anglia?" he said. "Hey, you got mad beef, OK?"

on new resonances.

Indeed, we said meekly. We did seem to have mad beef, although actually, the disease is declining. "It kill; a lot of people?" He clearly drew great amusement from already knowing the reply. "Er — only ten actually. And only perhaps." "So, what you gonna do, in Anglia?" In these desert bus-stop political discussions one always ends up having to speak for one's Government, Sulkily we confessed that we haven't made our minds up.

The driver, a keen newspaper reader, to judge by the heap of Heb-rew newsprint under the seat, continued inexorably: "You gonna kill all the beef? Not just the sick beefs, then?" Well, I said, consumer confidence . . . but suddenly a topical Passover theme occurred to him. He consulted his colleague for translation and said: "Like the plagues of Egypt!" We gave that appeasing, selfdeprecating British laugh. In the midst of a desert, dotted at unimaginably hot, dry distances by determined kibbutzim dedicated to Ben-Gurion's dream of making it bloom, the irony of such a self-inflicted plague was not subtle. We were grateful when the bus began to fill with American voices discussing dive sites.

All week, faint but insistent, the When seen from sinewy Israel, our troubles appear trivial and absurd

BSE affair echoed around us. "Good beef, not poison!" said the Arab waiter in the fast-food bar. European chatter in the tourist queues said: "Schrecklich, BSE!" and "Mais c'est affreux, ils ont empoisonné l'Europe!" A pair of well-spoken English voices on the bus chuntered about their personal tragedy of having shared a steak and kidney pie in 1992. "One just doesn't feel safe any more," said a woman fretfully.

Ten feet from her, a group of Israeli boys and girls in military service strolled past. Uzis on their shoulders. Their compatriots have

died within the last month from Hamas bombs; their Prime Minister was shot dead by a fellow Israeli. They grew up knowing that 5km along beach one way lies Jordan (peace treaty signed 1994) and even closer the oth-

er way is Egypt (1989). Their childhoods were spent technically at war with every neighbouring state; their adolescence was tightened and disci-plined by universal military service into that prickly, difficult, Sabra tem-perament which stamps arrogant confidence and unsmiling readiness for aggression onto the most innately gentle and sociable of young Israelis (and which, incidentally, can make everyday transactions in their country rather wearing for the diffident British visitor). A worry about beef? The young soldiers seemed to be saving in every line of their body: "Kill ten million head of cattle because ten people might have died? Do this for 'consumer confidence' rather than for a proven, vital reason? Pull the

other one!" Something of the same spirit shows in the leaders in The Jerusalem Post. World waits for Britain to contain mad cow panic!" it says impatiently, and extends its censure to "an outbreak of hysteria across the entire European Union that is scarcely credible. Or, in other words, what a kerfuffle about nothing much. Given that the rest of The Jerusalem Post is as usual devoted largely to the press-ing matter of keeping their nation in

existence, this is not surprising. Nor is the prevailing tone of wonderment among older Israelis gathering for the Passover holiday when they asked us, around the snorkel-hire kiosk, to explain the role of the EU in the said kerfuffle.

When you have struggled to maintain your country's existence for 50 years, and inherit an ancient, wellpolished tradition of fighting for the Promised Land, the idea of handing over one scrap of authority to anybody else is frankly laughable. When your one Red Sea outlet is less

than 10km long, so that the dol-phin reserve has to be bang next to the commercial car dock and Defence Ministry barbed wire: when your parasailing boats, towing their shrieking tourists aloft be-hind them like great white-legged kites.

have to turn back carefully so as not to violate Jordanian airspace by accident, you do not easily grasp the idea of common authority and councils of ministers. You solve your own problems.

ven as a tourist, it is easy to become dangerously empa-thetic with a foreign country, and to look at the familiar face of your own land as if it were a stranger's. Especially as all week a perilous sense has been growing on me that I no longer belong to a lion-like little country that famously stood alone, but to a flabby and timid and panicking one. Blame what you like: Americanisation, religious decline, welfare, insufficient cold baths: but the real culprit, alas, is nothing more than 50 years of peace. It is a dismaying thought that something so good, so cherished, has also created the difference between the way we scuttle around worrying and "not feeling safe" because we might get a rare disease, while the young Israelis swagger so proudly, believe in their achievements and hold a vis-ible conviction that they can do anything and survive anything and kick hell out of anybody who tries to stop them (another Palestinian

round-up last week, I notice). They feel - well, Chosen. I suppose we felt

The brutalities of which this makes Israel capable would make me hesitate to set it up as a model; but it would be nice to bring home a small homoeopathic dose of this angry, fearless esprit de corps — and especially of energetic optimism. Out in the harsh desert, watching a performance of the Book of Genesis in the rather improbable setting of an ostrich farm. I fell into another conversation. Again, after a brief discussion of ostriches, the cattle question came up. "Kill them all? Phew!" said the Israeli. "Then you have to start over again. Hard work." His tone held no implication that it was ruinous or impossible. His race, his nation, is expert at starting over again. It is not a thing you fuss about unless you have had for 50 years such a soft and prosperous world around you that you have stopped knowing how unusual in the world is such comfort.

It was a relief to meet more eternal forms of comfort, not dependent on the dangerous balance between the joys of peace and its debilitating effect. Outside the rackety shopping precinct the other night, two large loudspeakers were belting out cheerful religious songs while a group of Jews in orthodox dress — long ragged coats twirling, dark Hasidic sidelocks flying, beards wild and black hats constantly falling off - bounced and whirled maniacally in an undisciplined impromptu dance, clapping and high-kicking and dragging passing strangers into their circle. The police moved them on once, but gave

up in disgust.
With the assistance of onlookers and of their makeshift bookstall, I found that these were Breslover Chasids. followers of Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav, a Ukrainian sage of the 18th century. They believe, as one put it, in "reading the Torah and coming to God through cheerful dancing and not bothering with politics". The book asserts firmly that wars and troubles are not overcome by "sophisticated means" but by praying and dancing. We watched them twirling and bounding, and visibly irritating the sophisticated fellow Israelis who hurried past scowling. There is an expression, apparently: "Mad as a Breslover". But I liked them a lot, and watched for an hour and a half as the brooding night fell.

# Trouble in the pipeline

Savings are not on

tap, says Graham

Searjeant

magine you are a Tory candidate trying to defend water privatisation to the average elector in Bradford. In theory it was possible. Yes, water quality is better than in the days of the old water authority. Yes, the rivers and estuaries of industrial Yorkshire are cleaner and healthier.
Yes, prices have actually risen by less than allowed in 1989. Yes, most people's supplies are more reliable.
No, directors of Yorkshire Water are neither highly paid by business standards nor awash with share options.
By then, the householder's attentions are made the standard and house of tion, your credibility and any hope of a vote would be long gone. Labour candidates, meanwhile, have been conducting unopposed daylight bombing raids on water, the one privatised utility in which prices have consistently risen in real terms. Genuine ammunition seemed to be running out after the latest price review, but last summer's drought exposed Yorkshire Water, a few others - and by implication the Government — to a new hosing of ridicule. Until Saturday that is. John Major has swum to the rescue with another has swum to the rescue with another radical vote-winning idea, which he hopes will bury the issue on the doorstep. Competition has worked wonders in the gas, telephone and electricity industries. It could do the same for water, but not imminently. No legislation is likely before the election. Behind the soundbite, however, is a long-monted move to encourage is a long-mooted move to encourage limited competition.

Previous measures have never really worked because newcomers had to lay their own water pipes. So the essence of the new plans is to allow competitors to use local monopolies network, just as in gas, telecoms and electricity. But water is not physically uniform like gas or electricity. As the bounty of nature, it passes through land, drains, ditches, rivers and a mess of organic and chemical matter that leave it quite different, and usually far from the gentle rain of heaven.

As yesterday's consultation paper shows, this causes complications. The statutory monopolies — whose 25-year licences the Government aims to abrogate - must supply drinking water to British and Euro-pean standards. Their performance is compared, their liability heavy. Much of the £3 billion a year invested in the early years after privatisation was spent to bring water up to scratch. Standards are now high enough to make it reasonable to use one company's mains for another's water. The drawback is that drinking water would become a commodity, based on the legal minimum standard. There would be no incentive for any one company to do any better, for instance on colour or nitrate traces.

There is also no national water grid to match those built for other utilities. Water was always a local or regional service, linked to river systems and boreholes. Thames Water has built a ring-main around London. Others in the South and East have linked rivers and springs, making supplies more reliable than in the normally wetter regions. But building mains from one end of the country to the other is not practical in the private sector. Consumers would not fund the billions needed for the sake of competition's putative benefits. Yorkshire Water must wish it had built a costly pipeline north to Kielder Water, England's prime underused water source; but there is no chance of cheap water from the Borders being sold to consumers in Devon and Cornwall, who have to suffer both high bills and strained supplies.

ompetition would have to come from neighbouring companies, or middlemen, who could be sure they had enough water to spare. The main targets would be areas of high charges next to low-cost areas, as in Kent, Sussex and parts of East Anglia. Customers of South West Water might be better off with the forced savings from a takeover bid. And most water charges are for sewage removal, which is not likely to become a fertile sector for

The financial complications are the trickiest. Most of the cost is in local distribution, which will remain a monopoly even if the pipes are turned over to common carriage. The hillier and more rural the territory, the higher those costs will be. If rival suppliers are charged the average cost, there might be little more incentive to compete than now, except for big industrial contracts.

If rivals are charged only for the bits of pipes they use, there could be a free-for-all for customers near company borders, or near big water sources. In that case, the monopolies would either have to abandon the idea of charging all their domestic customers the same, or lose a lot of revenue. Few might cry over that. But a lot of water charges are levied to fund investment, rather than to men running costs. Some revenue will have to be protected if new reservoirs are to be built.

Water companies will doubtless be hiring much fatter cats than ever to tell them what to do. Meanwhile. Tory candidates will be relieved but domestic customers will notice nothing: except perhaps that their local water company is making a bit more

# Putt down

WHILE Carol Thatcher makes ments had nearly been completed trouble with her forthcoming biography of her father, her brother is having problems of his own.

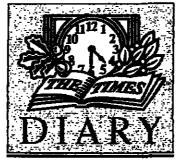
Mark Thatcher, who has moved to Cape Town, was, until a week ago, up for membership of one of the most exclusive golf clubs, the Royal Cape Golf Club in Wynberg. Some £200,000 of refurbish-



urb of Constantia. His membership for Johannesburg's swish Rand Club was progressing. His business, tracking-devices for shopping trolleys, was coming along. In short, all in the life of Thatcher M. was looking rosy. This week, however, the wheels

seem to have come off, with news that his name was mysteriously deleted from the 14-strong list of those newly elected to the Royal Cape Golf Club. Thatcher, who plays off a handicap of eight, needed a proposer, seconder and five referees for election. According to Shaun Malherbe, the club's general manager, however, Thatcher's proposer simply withdrew his proposal at a club meeting.

 A peek into the bedroom of the Duchess of Devonshire: she has reached the stage in life when she wakes up so long before breakfast that she keeps a kettle and toaster in the room to keep her sustained. It's not foolproof, as she discloses in The Spectator, "Waking at 6am, I made and ate my breakfast, only to discover that the clock's similarlooking hands had played a trick

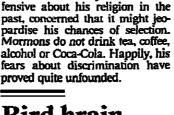


on me, and it was in fact only 12.30am. Too early even for me, but too late to pretend I hadn't had breakfast."

# Conquest

MORMONS are cracking open the cranberry juice to celebrate the selection of David Rutley, William Waldegrave's special adviser, as the Conservative candidate for the safe Tory seat of St Albans. Rutley, a sinewy sort prone to caprine displays on mountain slopes, comfortably won selection on Friday night, after rejections by several other seats, including Buckingham and Sevenoaks. Should he be elected, as expected, he will join Terry Roo-ney, the Labour MP for Bradford North, as the second Mormon in Parliament.

A former Kentucky Fried Chick-



en executive, Rutley has been de-

# Bird brain

A CACOPHONY at the Adam Smith Institute centres on the fate of Archibald, the right-wing thinktank's African Grey parrot. Using a grid onto which he throws sunflower seeds or peanuts, Archibald has developed a system of economic forecasts that turns out to be more reliable than the Treasury's. On the basis of his squawky prognostications, Archibald has

been entered for the John Wood Es-

Archie: pretty clever boy

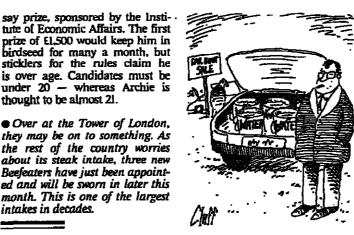
birdseed for many a month, but sticklers for the rules claim he is over age. Candidates must be under 20 — whereas Archie is thought to be almost 21. Over at the Tower of London, they may be on to something. As the rest of the country worries about its steak intake, three new Beefeaters have just been appointed and will be sworn in later this

month. This is one of the largest

# intakes in decades. Crowned off

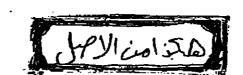
THE PROUD burghers of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames are in a frightful flap over republican tendencies. New signposts appear to demote the longest established of the three Royal Boroughs.

Visitors are now greeted by signs for "Kingston Town Neighbourhood" with no royal mention whatsoever and the loss of the crown from the town's logo. Loyal sub-jects are appalled, although the council leader, John Tilley, plays down the furore: "Most of this is to do with the fact that I am a republican. People go on and on about this, but it's a storm in a teacup."



The sitting MP. Norman Lamont, however, is beside himself. "It's outrageous. Kingston is an ancient Royal Borough and any attempt to forget that status is absurd."

• Mohamed Al Fayed, the showy boss of Harrods, has bought his own church. The First Church of Christ Scientist, just off Sloane Square, set him back a hefty million pounds or two yesterday when he exchanged contracts. The building is unlikely to enjoy a religious future - talk is of a Harrods theme restaurant in its vaults.





# POLITICAL JOBBERY

The wrong message from the G7 jamboree at Lille

With French unemployment stuck at 11.8 per cent, President Chirac has used France's position as host to the Group of Seven this year to summon G7 finance and employment ministers to Lille, an unemployment black spot, to talk about jobs and growth. France's Finance Minister naturally turned up; the rest sent their excuses, and their deputies. For Martine Aubry, the daughter of Jacques Delors who is now Lille's Socialist deputy mayor, their absence is an insult to the 23 million unemployed citizens of these countries. A more plausible explanation is that this was a tacit majority vote for the proposition that the best route to creating jobs is less, not more, government spending.

The less finance and employment ministers put their heads together, the better. Sound public finances are the indispensable basis for lower interest rates, lower taxes and non-inflationary growth; and while the grim statistics of the past decade show that growth alone will not guarantee everyone a job in the information age, low or no growth still swells dole queues. Ministers knew that they could expect pressure at Lille to "invest" public money in job creation through fiscal incentives, direct subsidy or the grand public works projects beloved of the European Commission. Rightly they thought it more prudent and honest to stay away.

In only one respect would they have done better to have travelled to Lille: they could have hit Jacques Santer's demand for a European "confidence pact" on jobs firmly and publicly on the head. This is Mr Santer's Big Idea, and just how bad an idea

it is emerged clearly from his speech at Lille. Mr Santer wants a co-ordinated European strategy including "passive and active labour market policies", drawn up in corporatist fashion with Europe's "social partners". Ominously for lightly regulated countries such as Britain, he wants co-ordinated EU policies explicitly in order "to

prevent one country gaining at the expense of another". He wants "new initiatives" code for a go-ahead to spend this year's EU's budget surplus on public works. Above all, he insists that those who find it difficult to adapt to change and global competition must on no account experience "greater insecurity in their living and working conditions and their incomes".

This last argument is the exact opposite of what Europe's politicians should be preparing their public opinion to face. Europe needs far more flexible labour markets if it is to begin to halve its unemployment, to the 5.5 per cent prevailing in America. Inescapably, that means cuts in welfare protection, nonwage labour costs and job protection regulations which deter employers from taking on workers they will not be able to dismiss.

Since all such reforms will be horribly unpopular, governments naturally prefer to dream out loud about "backing" the hightech jobs of the future and to hold out training, training and yet more training as the key to the promised land. They would be better employed asking how best to reduce the social costs of the deregulation they know must come, as the wages of the least skilled - who have their own continuing roles in the labour market - are driven down by global competition.

Since the 1994 G7 jobs summit in Detroit, most European dole queues have grown. But outside Britain, its leaders still hope not to have to choose between worker protection and job creation. M Chirac appeals wistfully for a "third way" between America's harsh but efficient world of work and Europe's cushioned workers. Germany's Gunther Rexrodt rejects the US "hire and fire mentality" but pleads with workers to accept "downward flexibility of wages" in tough times. Markets will not wait for politicians to find the philosopher's stone. That should, but will not be, the word from Lille.

# **LORDS OF LIBEL**

### Bong! An amendment is needed to the Defamation Bill tonight

The current law of libel is a lottery. Huge sums can be won by plaintiffs; jury members may individually enjoy their newspapers but, when the chance to act collectively occurs, they often exact punishment as if motivated by guilt or revenge or both.

Yet libel litigation — which carries no

legal aid - is also expensive and cumbersome: a substantial deterrent to those whose reputation has suffered from an unfair egation. So there is room for improvement for all from the new Defamation Bill. to be debated in the House of Lords tonight.

The Bill introduces a so-called fast-track procedure. Lord Hoffman, who first suggested the scheme, was inspired by a conversation with the late Lord Rothschild who had become infuriated by regular insinuations that he might have been a Russian spy. Lord Rothschild wanted a quick, easy way to clear his name. He did not want to go for a fullscale jury hearing, with enormous costs and publicity - and possibly large damages too. He simply wanted a swift public statement correcting the allegations.

Newspapers and broadcasters are also sometimes in a similar position, wanting to be able to resolve disputes in which an accidental error, perhaps by confusing two people with the same name, gives the offended party the idea of suing for libel and the hope of large jury awards. Certain people are known to newspaper lawyers as "gold-diggers". Not satisfied with a correction and a small amount of compensation, they need little encouragement from their lawyers to take out a libel action; their hope is that the publisher will pay a large sum to the plaintiff, and in costs to the lawyer, rather than face the

unpredictable nature of a jury trial. Most mistakes can, of course, be corrected by a mixture of printed fact and apology without even contemplating recourse to law.

But, if this fails, the new Bill would allow defendants who admit that they were wrong to make a formal "offer of amends", involving compensation, correction and apology.

In one respect, however, the current Bill is seriously flawed. If the two parties cannot agree on the wording of the correction and apology or its positioning in the newspaper or programme concerned, it is proposed that it be up to the judge to adjudicate. To some and broadcasters, and all who believe in the benefit the greatest possible freedom of the media brings, it represents a massive and unwarranted extension of judicial power.

Imagine the opening of the News at Ten: Bong! ITN would like to apologise unreservedly to Mr A for its unfounded allegation that he was a member of a paedophile ring. There was no truth in this report and a substantial sum has been paid to him in damages. Bong! The Government has been defeated on a vote of confidence and the Prime Minister is on his way to the Palace."

Absurd? It would certainly seem so to the viewer. That, however, would be the effect of this Bill passing unamended into law. The unintended consequence would be that editors would be very wary of allowing their lawyers to use the procedure at all.

Tonight their Lordships have the chance to vote on an amendment that would instead allow the judge to decide the wording of a public apology to be read in open court. Under the Press Complaints Commission's code of practice, the newspaper in question would be obliged to print a fair and accurate report of the case. Its rivals would be delighted to give it publicity too. This amendment should be supported in the interests of freedom of speech as well as justice: it gives judges the right to judge in their domain; and editors the right to edit in theirs.

# **NAVAL GAZING**

# Greenwich needs a Napoleon for the millennium

Michael Portillo, has been wise to place the future of the Royal Naval College at Greenwich in the hands of a trust charged with guaranteeing public access. The decision last autumn to employ an estate agent to invite tenders for its future use was an excess of privatising zeal. But, if Greenwich. is to make the most of its other piece of great cultural good fortune, the Millennium Exhibition, the vigorous involvement of private sector expertise is urgent.

The Millennium Exhibition site is a short journey down the Thames from the Royal Naval College, but two more divergent London fields it would be hard to find. The college symbolises this nation's maritime power and architectural grace. The proposed exhibition site is 300 derelict acres Which need decontamination before a single brick can be laid. The wasteland will cost

British Gas £50 million to clear. The necessary energy and vision to make the exhibition a success is unlikely to come from the current coalition behind Greenich who have had such a difficult time con-Vincing the Millennium Commission of the Virtues of a London site. It is important that husiness, local government and the agencies of national government all feel a sense of involvement in the exhibition. If the nation is to get the show it deserves, and avoid the denacle that London does not need, only smele-minded leadership ready to bruise

egos and knock heads together will work. The scale of the task is hard to exaggerate: £500 million will need to be found from the private sector. Building work is supposed to be finished by March, 1999. In comparison, the conversion of the Bankside power station to an annexe of the Tate Gallery, an already agreed lottery project which demands only the alteration of an existing building, will not be ready until well into 2000. Unlike almost any other building scheme, a millennium festival cannot be late.

Even if the exhibition is completed on time, getting people there will be a problem. Sceptics fear transport links to east London will not be good enough. Moreover, while private venues were snapped up for the Millennium years ago and alternative attractions like the Sydney Olympics have been making their pitch, marketing has hardly started to attract visitors to the UK's Millennium Exhibition

The Great Exhibition of 1851 depended on the drive of Prince Albert. The Festival of Britain in 1951 was very much the product of Herbert Morrison's ambition. If the Millennium Exhibition is to be a worthy successor to those two great festivals in the capital it will, like them, require a presiding genius to provide the necessary leadership. What the Millennium Exhibition requires is a business Bonaparte who can make private enterprise work in the public interest.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# MP's crucial vote in currency debate

From Sir Julian Critchley, MP for Aldershot (Conservative)

Sir, If the Tories fail to hold Staffordshire South East later this month, the Government's majority will fall to one. I hope it is not immodest of me to say that I shall be it, given my physical state and reluctance to vote on any issue other than one of confidence or on Europe. I have written to my whip to tell him

that under no circumstance would I

vote for the Government were it to

bow to pressure from the Euro-sceptic wing of the party and include a promise of a referendum on a single currency in the party's election manifesto. A single currency will be for the Cabinet and House of Commons of the day to decide whether or not entry should be in Britain's interest. In the meantime Messrs Ken Clarke and Michael Heseltine are doing the party a service by resisting any attempt to twist the Prime Minister's arm to make yet another concession to the enemies of a more closely integrated Europe (report, April 1).

JULIAN CRITCHLEY. House of Commons.

### Grassroots views

From Mr Martin Bali

Sir, That Brian Mawhinney claims that last autumn's survey of 30,000 Conservative grassroots members "showed the membership to be broadly in tune with the party leadership" (report, March 28) defies belief.

According to your report of the survey, the majority of participants were reluctant to join a single European currency. This contrasts with the known enthusiasm of many Cabinet members for monetary union. Further, the motions to last year's Conservative Party conference opposing outright the single currency outnumbered by two to one those supporting the Government line to wait and see the proposals.

Far from supporting Mr Mawhinnev's analysis, the evidence demonstrates that the Tory leadership is out of touch with its grassroots activists' hostility to greater European integra-

Yours sincerely, MARTIN BALL 17 Haverfield Road, Bow, E3. March 29.

Sir, Should we have a referendum on the EMU? "Yes", says Mr Adam Roxborough (letter, March 29). "What matters is the right to choose". But is this a mistaken view of demo-

cracy? Democracy means something different: the right to choose a representative who can then be trusted to make important decisions on our be-

The EMU decision is highly technical and to arrive at it requires the study of much background information. For example, is the loss of one chance to fine-tune the economic relations between countries by adjustment of the exchange rate more than offset by the merits of a single cur-

The EMU decision is in my view an example par excellence of a situation where a referendum is precisely undesirable, and where a well-informed decision by members of Parliament is our main hope to get it right.

Yours faithfully, PETER T. LANDSBERG. The Athenæum, Pali Mall, SW1. March 29.

# Flexible Europe

From the Ambassador of Italy

Sir. In your leading article. "The view from Turin" (March 29), you quote Boris Biancheri, the Secretary-General of Italy's Foreign Office: the reason we need "to conceive a Europe that is different from the one we have been living with" is that so much has changed in Europe in the last years.

What has not changed, however, is Italy's determination to see the aims of the founding fathers of the EEC eventually fulfilled: that of a Europe united and in peace with the rest of the world. Flexibility should be seen as an effective tool to this end: by allowing those among us who are willing and ready to move further and faster in the context of commonly shared objectives, we believe that the chances of eventually uniting Europe will be made greater, not smaller.

Flexible arrangements, in other words, should keep the door open for those who may not be able to join the rest for the time being, and not help setting up permanently different groupings through which united Europe would inevitably founder.

Yours sincerely. PAOLO GALLI, Italian Embassy, 4 Grosvenor Square, WI. March 29.

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# Dearing's recommendations and the future of A levels

From Dr Peter Gold

Sir, I disagree with your leader on proposed changes to 16 to 19 study ("Academic questions", March 28) on two counts.

First you defend A levels as the standard by which all other post-16 study must be measured. Not only are A levels a poor indicator of an individual's potential to benefit from higher education but they do not equip students for the world of industry and commerce. A levels were designed 50 years ago

by the universities to replicate preparation for undergraduate study of a specialist nature to which university lecturers themselves were dedicated. A levels are no longer appropriate for the range of students who are now able to benefit from the much more diverse offerings available in the country's higher education institutions -144 of them in England and Wales alone. That diversity needs the kind of preparation which Sir Ron Dearing's report has proposed.

I must also take your leader to task about the remark that "calling polytechnics universities has not improved the quality of their education". The fact is that teaching and learning at the new universities (former polytechnics) was probably always of a higher standard than the older universities because all their courses had to be rigorously vetted by the Council for National Academic Awards, and because they were principally teaching institutions. Moreover, they have always offered courses more in tune with the needs of business and industry.

Now that the former polytechnics are funded (although still unequally) from the same source as the older universities, the level of their resourcing, the quality of their staffing and the greater opportunities for research mean that the teaching and learning process has indeed improved at the newer universities.

Yours faithfully. PETER GOLD (Chair, Faculty Board). Faculty of Languages and European Studies, University of the West Coldharbour Lane, Bristol, Avon. From Mr Andrew Mitchell

Sir. Your leader on Sir Ron Dearing's report will come as a disappointment to many teachers in the further education sector.

You state that "the system of General National Vocational Qualifications (GNVQs) and NVQs does not enjoy parity of esteem with A levels". This gnores evidence, presented on your own education pages (December 1, 1995), that "students on vocational courses ... are more likely to receive an offer of a place (at university) than A-level candidates": Ucas research concluded, morever, that "GNVQs prepare students well for university

You also argue that the renaming of the GNVQ as an "applied A level" is of "dubious virtue". I agree but dislike the underlying point that this would be underlying point that the would be a level. The debase the standard of the A level. The GNVQ is developing a culture of its own and we should be proud of its ambitious attempt to mix practical competence, subject-knowledge and core skills.

To merge this approach with the narrower focus of the A level and create some sort of hybrid practical qualification would serve neither interest well. Improvements in this field should surely be parallel and complementary rather than merged and con-

Yours faithfully, ANDREW MITCHELL (Lecturer in further education), Moor Lane. Branston Booths, Lincoln. March 28.

### From Professor David Weitzman

Sir, Your claim in today's leader that "modular teaching is the enemy of excellence" is an unjustified and sweep-ing assertion that will generate causeless anxiety, not least amongst the tens of thousands of students pursuing modular courses at universities. And you alert readers to the "strong suspicion" that A levels may be easier to acquire, partly because of modular teaching. Yet if modular teaching should prove to be more effective, shouldn't we embrace it enthusiasti-

Modular teaching, even if it has not always paraded under that name, has long been used in education and training, and our respected professions, such as medicine, unashamedly employ the technique. A modular system that involves testing individual modules can still evaluate students' ability to synthesise their knowledge by requiring them to pass some form of fi-

Ultimately, all that really matters is what students understand and what they can do with their learning. I suggest that the jury is still out on the question of whether it is better to display the totality of one's coverage of a study programme in a single dash and then quickly forget most of it, or to take a number of smaller hurdles and then forget in stages.

Yours faithfully, P. D. J. WEITZMAN, 41 Hollybush Road, Cardiff. March 28.

nal examination.

From the President of the Society of Education Officers

Sir. What are we to make of national policy on education when on consecutive days we have announcements about the development of a unified framework of qualifications for 16 to 19-year-olds and the introduction of more haphazard selection at 11 plus (reports, March 28, 29)?

Sir Ron Dearing properly draws our attention to the needs of the majority of young people for whom A lev-el was not designed and is not appropriate. His attempt to raise the status of vocational qualifications is a timely move to fill a significant gap in our

present system.

The debate about selection is a diversion. If greater freedom for individual schools to select their pupils is the solution to raising standards for all, can we expect to be inundated with proposals from schools to admit only pupils from the lower 75 per cent of the ability range?

Yours faithfully. HEATHER Du QUESNAY (Executive Director of Education. London Borough of Lambeth), Education Department, 234-244 Stockwell Road, SW9. March 29.

# Zen in management

From Mr Justin Reav

Sir. Your third leader, "Stroke your resources" (March 21), is amusing about faddish management techniques. You cite British diffidence and reticence as reasons why "foreign" people-man-

agement concepts may not work here. Surely that is the point. Changes in society have altered our personal expectations of the manner in which we work together. We want a more human management style and we respond positively to it.

If British business is to compete effectively in the world we must develop the skills of all our people, unlocking their creativity. That may mean using techniques which have been effective

Developing individual competence in teamwork and in continuous-improvement strategies (for which kaizen is merely a useful shorthand, not the cultural imposition you imply) should not be so lightly rejected. The future of our country's prosperity is too important for that, and your leader sounded peevishly chauvinist in criticising an important step forward for an embattled City facing more competition from the very countries whose techniques you belittle.

Certainly the manner in which such

cal. A development programme must fit the business need, must be culturally acceptable and must be measurably effective if it is to deliver the improvements which are needed to ensure success in the tough world we live in. Human creativity founded the hi

programmes are implemented is criti-

nesses which provide our high standard of living. Management techniques in keeping with modern human aspirations are necessary to safe-Yours faithfully, JUSTIN REAY (Chief Executive),

Summit Developments International Ltd. 1 The Glebe, Stone, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

From Mr Will Hopper

Sir, I think you dismiss the introduction of Zen practices into a London bank too easily. There is much to be said for learning what the Japanese call wa, or working together.

However, such practices are liable to fall flat on their faces unless they are accompanied by appropriate changes elsewhere in the organisation. There is no point in asking peo-ple to be friendly and co-operative with each other if they operate within a structure which inclines them to be

nasty and competitive. The structure Similar workshops have been held in the US for some years. They are

now treated with a degree of cynicism by staff because they have been followed by massive reductions in staff. the company bore them had "all too short a date". It is more important for British financial institutions to learn from Japan the good managerial practices which Americans such as Homer Sarasohn taught there fifty years ago and which the Japanese developed and passed on to the "tiger" economies.

The original vehicle for the instruction was General MacArthur's Civil Communications Section in Japan. after which we have named the CCS Institute, a not-for-profit organisation founded to promote these practices. The disasters affecting, for example, Barings and Lloyd's could have been avoided if what Sarasohn calls "the principles of progressive manage-ment" had been observed. In these cases strong middle managers were required - and were absent.

Yours sincerely, WILL HOPPER (Chairman). 43 Flask Walk, NW3. March 27.

# Gun licences

From Mr Lionel Alexander

Sir, Dr Nick Barnes (letter, March 27) implies that anyone applying for a licence for a handgun is deranged and so should be refused. He is right.

Anyone with sense and an elastic conscience who wants a handgun will have no trouble in acquiring it illegal-ly at far less cost in trouble and топеу. It was ever thus. Successive layers

of bureaucracy laid on legitimate firearms users have done nothing to stem the rising popularity of illegal handguns in crime. The work involved does, however,

keep the police off the streets.

Yours faithfully, LIONEL ALEXANDER. Clunemore, Drumnadrochit, Invernesshire. March 27.

Dr D. N. Barnes's letter that no sane person would want to apply for a handgun licence. I can only speak from a modest sporting perspective. Regarding handguns I believe I was once a better cricketer, better squash player, and now in my sixties a better pianist than I ever was, or am, a pistol shot. Notwithstanding, I still practise and enjoy this sport within my limita-In my experience no other sport re-

quires the same degree of physical self-control and emotional detachment to attain any degree of success. It is a classless activity within which age and sex are irrelevant. The ethos of pistol shooting is wholly based on dedicated self-restraint.

# Free eye tests

March 22).

After the abolition of free eye tests in April 1989 the number of eye examinations carried out fell dramatically. There has been some recovery since then, but we believe that some 20 million additional tests would have been carried out over the period 1989-95 if charges had not been introduced and that, as a result, treatable conditions such as glaucoma are not being identified and people are losing their sight unnecessarily.

From Mr John Farmer

Sir, In response to the implication in

Community Services, RNJB

Sir, The RNIB welcomes the news that Labour is to consider restoring free eye tests for the over-65s (report,

Yours faithfully,

While 40 per cent of the population is exempt from test charges - includ-

JOHN FARMER, 52 Minories, EC3. March 27.

### ing the under-16s, those on income support and family credit, and "high risk" groups such as those with a fam-From the Director of ily history of glaucoma — a significant

proportion of the population is un-aware of this fact. We would like to see a vigorous public education campaign informing people of their entitlements.

> A commitment to bringing back free eve tests for nine million pensioners would be a first and welcome step. However, RNIB would like to see Labour go one step further and give a commitment to restore tree eye tests for everyone.

> > Yours sincerely, TONY ASTON, Director, Community Services, Royal National Institute for the Blind, 224 Great Portland Street. W1. March 22.

# Origins of Grace

From Mr J. E. Humphrey Sir, Amazing Grace - a "modern

song" (At your service, Weekend, March 23)? Steady, please! Author, John Newton (1725-1807), Olney Hymns (1779); the melody an early American folk-tune, thought to have had a Scottish origin.

Yours faithfully J. E. HUMPHREY, 9 Offington Gardens. Worthing, West Sussex. March 23.

# A little nag

Yours truly,

From Mr Robert Sproat

Sir, Julian Muscat writes (Sport. March 25) that the Dubai World Cup is for "distant ancestors" of three Arabian stallions chosen to establish the thoroughbred racehorse more than 250 years ago. Are these horses old chestnuts?

# March 25,

51 Talbot Road, Highgate, No.

Watcher of the skies From Mr Derek Duncan

ROBERT SPROAT,

Sir, Yes - I saw the comet (reports, March 18 and 27) the other night. With the naked eye, it looked like a fuzzy patch. With binoculars, it looked like - a fuzzy patch. How boring com-

Another 1.700 years? I shan't bother to wait.

Yours truly, DEREK DUNÇAN, Heather Way, 5 Gong Hill Drive, Lower Bourne, Farnham, Surrey.

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**Forthcoming** 

marriages

The engagement is announced between Nigel elder son of Mr and Mrs K.W. Acheson, of Belfast. and Helen, elder daughter of Dr

and Mrs R.C. Smith, of Corley,

between Simon, son of Dr and Mrs

lan Brotherton, of Over Haddon.

Derbyshire, and Elizabeth, daugh-

ter of Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs

R.G. Peters, of Haddenham.

The engagement is announced between Leon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Christianakis.

of Harare, Zimbahwe, and Fiona. daughter of Mr Terence Steele, of

Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire, for-

merly of Hong Kong, and Mrs

Jannine Steele, of Perth, W. stern

the engagment is announced between Guy, eldest son of Mrs Margaret Cooke, of Wrotton, Oxon, and the late Mr Desmond Cooke, and Victoria, daughter of

Mr and Mrs W.R. Hancock, of

The engagement is announced between Caspar, son of Mr James

Glyn, of Tawau, North Borneo. and Mrs Lucinda Glyn, of London SW10, and Christine, daughter of

Mr and Mrs Robert Agnew, of Myrtlefield Park, Belfast.

and Lady Harvie-Watt. of Ken-

sington, London, and Miranda.

and Miss E.A. Peters The engagement is announced

Mr N. Acheson and Dr H.M. Smith

Warwickshire. Mr S.G. Brotherton

Buckinghamshire.

Australia.

Mr G.W.G. Cooke and Miss V.A.R. Hancock

Guildford, Surrey. Mr C.H.G. Glyn

and Miss C. Agnew

Mr M.L. Harvie-Watt

and Miss M.M.N. Thou The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Sir James

Mr L.J. Christianakis

and Miss F.W. Steele



# **COURT CIRCULAR**

WINDSOR CASTLE April 1: Lady Abel Smith has succeeded Lady Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen. BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 1: The Duke of York today carried out a series of engagements in Boston and on board HMY Britannia in

the United States of America. YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE April 1: The Duke of Kent, President, this evening attended the exhibition Together: The Commonwealth in War. at the Imperial War Museum. Lambeth Road, London SE1.

### Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit the Princess Christian's Hospital, Windsor, at

The Prince of Wales will visit the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund's new day centre at Macmillan House, Woodhouse Lane. Bishop Auckland, County Durham, at 10.10; as President of Business in the Community, will visit the Ford and Pennywell Advice Centre, Community College, Porchester Road, at 11.50; will visit Pennywell School, Portsmouth Road, at 12.25: will visit St Peter's Campus. Sunderland University, at 1.00: and, as Vice President of the National Trust, will visit Gibside. Rowlands Gill, Burnopfield, at

Princess Alexandra will attend a performance of the St John Passion given by the orchestra of St John's Smith Square at 7.30.

### **Baroness Faithfull**

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Baroness Faithfull will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Thursday, June 6. Those wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 6, I Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey, SWIP 3PL enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted on May 24.

### Geoffrey Jameson

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Genffrey Jameson, CVO, will be held on Friday, April 26, at 11.30am, at Southwark Cathedral. Lindon, SEI.

### Appointment The Nuffield Trust for the Forces

of the Crown Admiral Sir Brian Brown assumed the appointment of Chairman of ocutive Committee of The Nuffield Trust for the Forces of the Crown on April I, 1996, in succession to Air Chief Marshal Sir David Lee who retires after 25 years as a Trustee. Air Chief Caisley: Tr Marshal Sir Roger Palin has been appointed as a Governing Trustee. garet Tyler.

### **Premium Bonds**

The second annual Douglas Bryant Lecture to be held today has had to be cancelled due to the withdrawal of the speaker. Dr James Billington. The British Li-brary apologises for the short notice of this change, and regrets any inconvenience caused. Further information 0171-412 7760.

### Cranleigh School

following Scholarships for 1996:

School.

Fourth Form Academic M.J.

Vaughan, Cranleigh Preparatory

School: LO.G. Owen, St Andrews,

Horsell; A.J.F. Chapilin, Aldro, C.R.F.

Watling, Cranleigh Preparatory

School: T.N.C. Wheeler, Aldro; A.J.

Selby, Danes Hill: M.A. Howard,

Cranleigh Preparatory School: P.J.

Bird, Haslemere Preparatory School: P.J.

Fourth Form Music: D.A.R. Fourile Form Music: D.A.R. Hammond, Lanesborough: A.J.F.

Fourth Form Art: D.F. Hobden, Brambietye; L.H.N. Williams, Hoe Bridge Junior Scholarship: R.C. McKenzie. Park Mead Junior School, Cranleigh.

Mark Agents for the ensuing year: President, Mr John Slater; Senior Vice-President, Mr Eric Ramage; Junior Vice-President. Mr John Caisley: Treasurer, Mr Christopher Cook; Registrar, Mrs Mar-

Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, 53: Sir Jack Brubham, racing driver, 70: Sir Graham Bright, MP, 54; Mr Linford Christie, athlete. 36: Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Dhenin, 78: Captain Sir Richard Dobbs, former Lord Lieutenant of Co Antrim. 77: Sir Christopher France, civil servant. 62; Miss Catherine Gaskin, author, 67: Mr Brian Glover, actor, 61; Mr Raymond Gubbay. concert promoter, 50; Sir Alec Guinness, CH, actor, 82; Viscount Hambleden, ob: Mr T.H.P. Heynes, Headmaster, Monmouth School, Gwent, 41: Mr Barry Hills,

racehorse trainer, 59: Sir lan Hunter, impresario, 77: Miss Penelope Keith, actress, 56; Sir Peter Middleton, deputy chair-man, Barclays Bank, 62; the Marquess of Northampton, 50: Major-General C.J. Popham, 69; Mr A.C. Puddephan, former general se-retary. Liberty. 46: Mr M.G. Rizzello, sculptor and coin de-signer. 70: Sir Denis Rooke, former chairman, British Gas, 72: Lord Skelmersdale, 51: Vice-Admiral Siz Hugh Thompson, 65: Miss Sue Townsend, writer, 50; Mr Denis Tuolity, broadcaster, 59.

DEATHS

CALZADA - On 27th March, after a short illness borne with great courage. Tim (Lucy), very beloved wife and companion of Rafael and

and companies of Rafael and much loved and loving sister of Billy (Edith) Butler Madden. Greatly loved, the will be missed by family and friends in the U.K., Spain and

Trust. via Funeral Director: H.W. Mason & Sons, 9 High

The £1 million prize in the Premium Bond draw for April was won with bond number 12NB 293042. The winner lives in Middlesex, and has a bond holding of £20,000.

### The British Library

Cranleigh School has awarded the Inflowing Scholarships for 1996:
Sith Form Academic Michele L.
Ralph. Tormead, Guildford:
Elizabeth Garnsworthy. Tormead,
Guildford: Sanjmi Kent, Hillcrest
Secondary School, Nairobi; Nicole L.
Scott. Wimbledon High School:
Rachael E. Abbott. St Catherine's,
Bramley: Alexandra M. Bennett. St
Maur's; Weybridge.

maur's, Weybridge.
Sixth Form Music: Bora Lee,
Woldingham: Anne F. Bird.
Concord-Carlisle High School, USA;
Lucy May, The Howard of Effingham
School.

Fourth Form Music Exhibition: C.R.F. Watling, Cranleigh Preparatory School

### **Institute of Trade** Mark Agents

The following have been elected officers of the Institute of Trade

# Birthdays today

Luncheons

guests.

Farmers' Company Mr J.S. Borner, Master of the Farmers Company, presided at an apprentices and livery luncheon held yesterday at Farmers' Fletch-ers' Hall. The Masters of the Butchers', Brewers' and Poulters' Companies were among the

London Europe Society
The German Ambassador was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the London Europe Society held yes-terday at the St Ermin's Hotel, Mr Derek Prag. chairman of the society, was the host. The Ambassadors of Italy, the Netherlands, Austria and Switzerland, Ministers from the Belgian. Irish, Polish and Chinese Embassies and members of the banking, business and academic communities were

### **Dinners**

among the guests.

**HM** Government Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC. Sec-retary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a dinner given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Dr Klaus Kinkel, Foreign Minister of

Germany. Chatham Dining Club Mr David Trimble, MP, was the principal guest at a dinner of the Chatham Dining Club held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Mr

Harry Verney was in the chair. The Athenæom Mr Keith Walley was the principal speaker at a talk dinner of the Athenæum held last night at the club. Professor Sir Frederick Warner, FRS, was in the chair.

### Hereford and Worcester

Brigadier Ronald George Silk. Retd, has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant.

# Church news

The Rev Timothy Ling, Assistant Curate, St James, Gerrards Cross:

now Assistant Curate, St Peter, Old Woking (Guildford). The Rev Richard Morgan, permission to officiate, diocese Southwark: to be incumbent (NSM). Therfield in plurality w Kelshall

(St Albans). The Rev Nelva Moss, NSM, Bincombe w Broadwey, Upwey and Buckland Ripers (Salisbury): to be NSM, Langtree Team Ministry (Oxford).

The Rev Pauline Moyse: now Chaplain to Farmborough College (Guildford) The Rev Jonathan Perkin, Curate, St Andrew's, Cullompton (Exeler): to be Deputy Rector, Ashtead

(Guildford). The Rev Gerald Priday, Curate (NSM), All Saints and St Barnahas, Hereford: to be Curate (NSM). Weobley group of parishes (Hereford).

The Rev Hugh Scriven, Team Vicar, Madeley: to be also Asso-ciate Rural Dean of Telford Severn Gorge (Hereford). The Rev Stephen Smith: to be Rector, Lanteglos-by-Camelford w

St Adwena (Truro). The Rev Andrew Spurr, lately Assistant Curate, St Margaret's,

Rainham (Rochester): now Curate Stansted Mountfitchet (Chelmsford). The Rev Simon Thomas, Assistant

Curate in the diocese of St Albans: to be Assistant Curate, Ashtead (Guildford). The Rev Ruth Thompson Curate St Paul's, Northfield w Ealing (London): to be Team Vicar, West

Slough Team Ministry, St George's, Britwell (Oxford). The Rev Richard Thornburgh, formerly Team Vicar, Beaminster Team Ministry (Salisbury): now Team Vicar, Hanley Team, w special responsibility for St Luke's, Wellington (Lichfield). The Rev Allan Toop, Priest-in-

charge, St John the Baptist, Stokesay; St Michael and All Angels, Sibdon Carwood: St Thomas, Halford: to be also Priestin-charge, St Margaret, Acton Scott (Hereford).

The Rev Clement Upton, Vicar, Christ Church, Laxey, Isle of Man (Sodor and Man): to be Vicar, Hipswell (Ripon).

The Rev Jeffrey Wattley, diocese Oxford: now Vicar, St John, Oxford: now Vicar, Wonersh (Guildford). The Rev Alan West, Assistant Curate, St George the Martyr w St

Jude and St Alphege, Southwark (Southwark): to be Vicar, Boscoppa (Truro). The Rev Keith West, Curate, Rawmarsh w Parkgate (Sheffield):

to be Curate, St Bartholomew, Armley w New Wortley (Ripon). The Rev Ian White. Team Vicar, Schorne (Oxford): to be Vicar, St Peter and St Paul. St Osyth (Chelmsford).

The Rev Gavin Williamson, Rector. Dunboyoe, Dunshaughlin and Maymooth, diocese Meath and Kildare, Church of Ireland: to be Precentor and Honorary Minor Canon at Canterbury Cathedral

Resignations and retirement The Rev Gerald Amos, Team Vicar, St Nathanael, Walton on the Hill (Liverpool): to retire August

The Rev John Andrews, Rector, The Seaton Ross Group of par ishes (York): to retire October 13, but continue as Rural Dean of South Wold until September 30. The Rev Christopher Atkins, Rector, Church Oakley w Wootton St Lawrence (Winchester): to retire July 31.

Canon Dr Lloyd Caddick, Vicar. Oundle w Ashton (Peterborough): to retire June 30. The Rev Martin Chadwick, Vicar,

Charlbury w Shorthampton (Oxford): to retire May 31. The Rev Joan Cook, Priest-incharge. St Hilda's, Hartlepool

# (Durham): resigned March 31

The Rev Anthony Cornish, Vicar, Rawreth, St Nicholas w Rettendon

All Saints (Chelmsford): to retire

The Rev Joseph Edwards, Rector,

North and South Kilworth and

Misterton (Leicester): to retire June

The Rev Alan Evans, Vicar, All

Saints, Squirrels Heath, Ardleigh Green (Chelmsford): to resign June

Prebendary William Frost, Team

Vicar, Wombourne Team Ministry (Lichfield): to retire May 31.

Canon David Hinge, Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral and

Rector, Etherley (Durham): to

retire as Rector, Etherley as from August 31, but retain his Honorary

Canon Evelyn Hughes, Priest-in

charge, Badshot Lea (Guildford): to retire June 30.

The Rev Thomas McCoulough

Priest-in-charge, Sutton-on-the-Forest and Lay Training Officer for the York archdeaconry (York):

The Rev Kenneth Miller. Team

Rector, Wolstanton Team Ministry (Lichfield): to retire April 30.

The Rev Christopher Penn, Vicar,

Avonmouth and Industrial Chap-

lain for Avonmouth (Bristol): to

take early retirement on medical

grounds as from May 1.

August 31.

ate in the diocese.

retire September 30.

June 30.

Mr John Bellany and Lord Wollson, doctors honoris causa: Dr George Mackay Brown, doctor of letters [DLint]: Professor Ian D Aitken, Director of the Moredun Research Institute, doctor of veterinary medicine and surgery; Professor Frederik Barth. Professor of Anthropology. Emory University, doctor of science in social sciences: Professor Max L Birnstiel, Director of the Institute for Molecular Pathology. Vienna, DSc. Molecular Pathology, Vienna. DSc. Mr Alian Cameron. Senior Meat Inspector (retired), BSc; Dr Bernard Dison, science journalist and author. DSc; Professor H John Evans, retired Director of the MRC Human Generics Unit, Edinburgh, DSc, Mr Thomas Farmer, Chairman and Founder, Kwik-Fit, doctor honoris causa; Mr Moussa Ebrahim Jogee. Scottish Commissioner for Racial Equality, DLin; Lord Murray, Senator of the College of Justice and former Lord Advocate, and former Vice-Chairman of the University Court, doctor honoris causa; Mi Robert Sandilands, retired member of the University of Edinburgh Works Department MA: Mr Peter Schwarz, retired Vice-Dean of the

Windlesham (Guildford): to retire in social sciences; Mr Gordon Ying Sheung Wu, Managing Director. Hopewell Huldings, Hong Kong. The Rev John Stephenson, Vicar, Eppleton (Durham): retired on grounds of health as from March

II, but retains permission to offici-The Rev William Taylor, Vicar, Pelton (Durham): to resign July 31. Canon Jack Wardle, Rector, Barton Seagrave w Warkton (Peterborough): to retire April 7.

# Edinburgh The university is to award honorary

degrees to the following: Mr John Bellany and Lord Wolfson. Schwarz, retired Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering at the University of Edinburgh, doctor honoris causa; Professor Christopher Smout, Director of St John's House, University of St Andrews, doctor of science in social sciences; Professor Luigi Ferdinando Tagliavini, Profes-sor of Musicology and Director of the Institute of Musicology, University of Fribourg. Switzerland, D Mus; Professor Emeritus Peter B Townsend, Professor of Social Policy, University of Bristol, doctor of science

The Rev Richard Woods, Vicar, Englefield Green (Guildford): to

# University news

Mrs Winifred Logan Gordon, former member of the Department of Nurs-ing in the early days of the dev-elopment of the Department of

# On the march: debutantes in brightly coloured designer suits step out near the Savoy Hotel, London, in a preview of tonight's Berkeley dress show where 20 of the girls will be modelling. The show's organisers hope to raise £15,000 for the NSPCC

daughter of Mr Martin Thompson and Mrs Astell, both of London. Mr E-J.J. Hentenaar and Miss F.E.F. Wilson The engagement is announced between Evert-Jan Jouke, son of Mrs Robert Baly and stepson of Mr Robert Baly, of Manoir d'Ecorcheville, Pont L'Eveque, France, and Fiona Elizabeth Frances, younger daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Douglas Wilson, previously of Chawton, Hampshire. Mr J. Lee and Miss J.C. Phillips The engagement is announced between Jason, second son of Mr and Mrs John Lee, of Harpenden. Hertfordshire, and Joanna, youn-ger daughter of Dr and Mrs David Phillips, of Abergavenny, Gwent

Honorary Fellowships are also to be

Park Robertson, Director of S & J D
Robertson Group; Mr David RossStewart, Chairman of Scottish

Meeting Royal Over-Seas League Mr Tony Hams, environmental adviser to the Local Government Management Board, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Mairi Radeliff presided.

# **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Giovanni Casanova, adventurer, Venice, 1725; Hans hristian Andersen. Odense, Denmark, 1805; Emile Zola, novelist and critic, Paris, 1840; Sergei Rachmaninov, com-1873; Max Ernst, Surrealist painter and sculptor, Brühl, Germany, 1891; Marvin Gaye, singer, Wash ington DC, 1939.

DEATHS: Samuel Morse, painter and inventor of the telegraphic code bearing his name, New York, 1872; C.S. Forester, novelist, Fullerton, California, 1966. Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands, 1982.

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Exait the Lord our God, and bow down towards his holy mountain; for holy is the Lord our God. Psaim 99: 9 (REE)

BIRTHS

BEDDOWS - On March 30th. to Sarah (née Harley) and Philip, a son. William Michael George. MICHAEL GEOTPE.

BROWN - On 25th March at
The Portland Hospital, to
Tracy and Jarret, a besuiful
daughter. Jaime Beth and
congratulations to the

grandparents.

BURKEN - On March 29th
1996 at The Portland
Hospital. to Kate (nde Taylor)
and Tony, a besutiful son,
Jonathan George, a brother
for Eleanor.

for Eleanor.

GAVENDISH - On March
30th, to Lesley and
Jonathan, two daughters.
Polly and Willow and a son.
Theodore (Teddy).

FOY - On March 29th at The
Portland Hospital, to
Rosemary (nie Ruffles) and
Gregory, a handsome son.
Ethan. OODMAN - On March 26th, to Sharon (née Yoxall) and Andrew. a son. Samuel Edward John, a brother for

AMILTON - On March 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Yvonne and Guy, a boy, Keir, a brother for Kyle. HULIMES - On 29th March, to Cizire (née Davies) and Isin, a son. Robert McPhee. JACKSON - On March 26th, to Hugh and Claire (née Warden), a daughter, Tara

Françoise (née Bongrand), a daughter, Eloise Anna, born March 29th in Lyon. MOSS - On March 12th 1996 to Alison (née Inghem) and Michael, Iwin sons, Hugo Charles and William

PLUME - On 19th March 1996, to Robert and Jane (née Swallow), a son. Theodore Lasie, a brother for Oliver.

PRIEST - On March 26th 1996. to Sarah (née Balley) and Nick, à daughter, Jessica Rachel Anne, à sister to James and William.

ROLLS - On 16th March, to
Flora (née McLaren) and Jeremy, a son, Matthew TEASDALE/PEGUS - On

March 26th, to William and Jane, a son - Augustus (Gus) Seymour.
TURNER - On 30th March at
Queen Charlotte's Hospital
(thank you to colleagues), to
Lucy (née Ould) and daughter.

YARMEY - On 28th March, at St Thomas's Hospital, to Louise (nic Owen) and Guy, a son, Edward Hugh

YEBONIQUE - On March 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Carol (née Brooker) and Maurice, a beautiful daughter, Chlos

**DEATHS** 

ARNOLD - Nina Vivian (née Akroyd) on March 23rd 1996 in her sleep aged 54 whilst in hospital after a very short illness. Adored wife of David for nearly thirty thrule happy years and moch loved mother of Annabel and Figna Her cain, strength flona. Her calm, strengti and kindness will be greath missed by all her family an friends. A private family funeral has taken place.

BETH - After a long litness hercely fought at all times on Thursday 28th March at Swallows Creig, Chen, Jane (Dee) Dorsen Butler, Beloved wife of Norris Betth. Cremation Service in Content

BAND - David, died suddenly sid-ing with his family in Val d'isere on Thursday 28th March 1996. Much loved husband of Olivia and devoted 28ther of Ben and Isabelle. Private funeral. Memorial Service to be announced. Densitors to St Edward Mal Edmund Hall, Oxford, OX1

Cremation Service in Cloister Chapel. Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh on Thursday 4th April at 12.45pm. Afterwards at The Royal Abbey Hotel, Carring

BRAIN - Stanley Henry M.B.E.

Suddenly at St. Peters Hospital, Chertsey on Friday, 29th March. Beloved husband of Patricia, father of Malcohn and grandinther of Lucinda and Thomas. Chairman of Arrow Plastics Limited, former Master of the Wershipful Company of Lightmongers and President of the Lighting

Industry Federation Private Cremation, with all enquiries to Frederick Paine Limited, 29 Coumbe Read, Norbiton Kingston upon Thames Tel: (0181) 546 4813

A full Memorial Service for Stanley will be held in the future, so that his many friends from all his varied interests can celebrate his life with the

Family - Date to be advised.

**DEATHS** 

29th March, passed away peacefully in his sleep peacefully in an service Family cremation service North Devon Crematorium 4th April at 11 am. Memorial Service Wednesday 10th April at 2.50 pm at Emmanuel Church. April at 2.50 pm at Emmanuel Church. Okohampion Street, Ender. and afterwards at Emmanuel Church Hall. Donations in lieu of flowers to DEFECT. Disbetes Research Centre. Barrack Road. Exeter EX2 SAX.

DAVIES - Reverend Artnur Call Durate on March 28th News Call Durate on March 28

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Newcastle, on March 28th, aged 83. Private funeral was baid on Mooday April 1st. Memorial Service to be 25th in Chagford. Devon, at a date to be announced. PEARSON - Per loving care of the staff at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. loving care of the staff at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Paialey. Brigadier Alastat. Sizvenson Pearson C.B., D.S.O.\*\*\*, O.B.E., M.C., K.St.J., T.D., Keeper of Dumberton Castle, former Lord Lieutenant of Dunbartonahire, beloved husband of the iste Joss. vary dear father of Jiš. Clare and Fichar and much loved grandfather to Miles. Pumeral Service in Jamestown Parish Church. Alexandria. on interment thereafter at kilmaronock Church, Gartocharn. No letters please: flowers welcomed: and/or donations to Erakine

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TETLEY - On Saturday 30th March 1996 at home in Lorion, near Cockermouth. Eitzabeth (Lt), beloved wife of Derek and dear mother of Michelle and Garry. Funeral Service and Interment at Lorton Church on Wednesday 3rd April at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Hospice at Home c/o Mr N. Chicken Funeral Director, 39 Kirkgate. Cockermouth. Cumbris.

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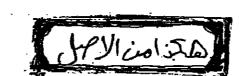


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Claude Mauriac, writer and journalist, and eldest son of the novelist François Mauriac, died in Paris on March 22 aged 81. He vas born there on April 25, 1914.

BORN into one of the most famous literary households in France, Claude Mauriac never fully escaped from the shadow of his illustrious father, one of the principal French novelists of this century. This was perhaps inevitable. In the beneficent aura of his father's prestige he had in the 1930s known the civilised delight of conversation with the leading spirits of Paris, before war shattered that ethos and called on literary men, like so many others, to give account of themselves. He nevertheless engaged himself with the Free French movement when the storm broke, and survived to establish a reputation of his own as a versatile and prolific writer.

As a novelist Mauriac has to be judged by the tetralogy Le Dialogue intérieur, whose second volume, Le Diner en ville, won the 1959 Prix Medicis. This and its sequels are cast in the manner of the nouveau roman, as practised by Alain Robbe-Grillet and Michel Butor (younger men than he, but creative at an earlier age). Like their work. Le Dialogue dispenses with traditional realism and concentrates on states of mind and the manner in which objects are perceived from different standpoints and at different moments.

This experiment has its place in the history of modern French literature but it is not perhaps, an enduring achieve-ment. And Mauriac is best remembered for his 10,000-page, ten-volume diary. Le Temps immobile, a record of more than fifty years of French literary, artistic and political life. It is rich with portraits of the famous men and women he had known, first through his father and then as a journalist and writer himself.

Claude Mauriac was born in Paris, a great-nephew of Marcel Proust and of Edmond Rostand. Like Proust he was obsessed by the past. But he differed from the author of A la recherche du temps perdu in relying on coincidences and themes to prove that he had not changed, rather than attempting to record the past chronologically.

For the massive undertaking of Le temps immobile, which took him 18 years to complete between 1970 and 1988, he drew on hundreds of notebooks, the first of which dated back to his childhood when he was witness to the parade of famous literary figures -Andre Gide, Jean Cocteau, Marcel Jouhandeau and many others - all

# **CLAUDE MAURIAC**



entertained at his father's table. One volume of Le Temps immobile, devoted to General de Gaulle, was based on Mauriac's five years as the Free French leader's private secretary, from the period of his return to Paris and the first years of his self-imposed exile in Colombey-les-deux-Églises until 1949. He worshipped de Gaulle and the volume, entitled Aimer de Gaulle, was one of the most intimate portraits ever written of the man Mauriac called the hero of the wonderful adventure lived by France". After leaving his post with de Gaulle he founded and edited the Gaullist review Liberté de l'Esprit for the four years of its life until the

review closed in 1953. Claude Mauriac was also devoted to his father, but did not share his fervent Roman Catholicism. Nor did he inherit his legendary and acerbic wit. Yet what he lacked in creative and intellectual power he made up for on the passionate conviction with which he espoused various social and political causes. Although a Gaullist, he marched side by side with left-wing writers such as Jean-Paul Sartre, Jean Genet and Michel Foucault. Among the causes to which he lent his fervour were anti-

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Like his younger brother Jean, who became a political journalist with Agence France-Presse, Claude Mauriac attended one of the leading Parisian lycees, Janson-de-Sailly, and later obtained a law degree. He published his first works just

before the Second World War and wrote for the daily newspaper Le Figaro from 1938 to 1939. But his journalistic and literary career began essentially after the end of the war when he rejoined Le Figaro, where he stayed until 1977, and Figaro Litteraire for which he was film critic from 1947 until 1972. Later he worked both for the weekly L'Express and for Le Monde.

Claude Mauriac was always anxious not to benefit from his father's fame. His first novel Toutes les femmes sont fatales (tr. in America as All Women Are Fatal and in Britain as Femmes Fatales) was not published until 1957. It was to be the first of the Dialogue intérieur tetralogy. Like its successors. Le Diner en ville (1959, tr. Dinner in

Town). La Marquise sortit à cinq heures (1961, tr. The Marquise went out at Five) and L'Agrandissement (1963), it featured as its protagonist Betrand Carnéjoux, an egotist, novelist and irresistible yet cold-hearted womaniser, who enjoys hosting dinner parties whose guest lists comprise the women he has slept with, including his wife and her mother.

But, as such a description suggests, much of this sexual intriguing hovers perilously on the brink of the merely modish, and the combination of it and the tetralogy's parade of (largely bogus) psychological insights indicate a critical rather than a truly creative talent. Indeed, it was as a chronicler and critic that Mauriac was to make his most enduring contribution to French writing. Already, in 1958, he had published La Littérature contemporaine, a selection of essays which dealt with such familiar 20th-century figures as Kafka and Ionesco. This received an update and revision in 1969 which allowed readers to look in a new light upon such an unsung talent as Michel Leiris, whose reputation must now surely put in the shade those of many writers of merely ostentatious

Then the huge project that was to become Le Temps immobile began to take shape. A volume was devoted to his father, another to Proust; this won the Prix Marcel Proust in 1988. Mauriac found time, nevertheless, to write four plays, literary criticism and. further novels, and to complete a cycle of biographies that included works on Cocteau, André Mairaux and Balzac. His André Breton won the 1949 Prix Sainte-Beuve.
Just as he had waited for de Gaulle's

death before publishing the volume of Le Temps immobile which is devoted to him. so he decreed that a final volume. Le Temps accompli, should be published only after his own death.

An essentially kind man. Claude Mauriac had the air of an eternal adolescent and never lost his enthusiasm for supporting just causes and opposing oppression wherever he saw it. He was arrested and expelled from Spain in the 1970s for protesting against death sentences handed out to opponents of the Franco regime; and he became so involved at one time on behalf of General Michel Aoun, the Lebanese Christian leader, that he applied for Lebanese citizenship. As a writer, he was never touched by

the genius of his father, winner of the 1952 Nobel Prize for Literature, but was a highly talented all-rounder. He is survived by his wife Marie-Claude and by two sons and a daughter.

# THE RIGHT REV LLOYD MORRELL

The Right Rev Lloyd Morrell, Bishop of Lewes, 1959-77, died on March 27 aged 88. He was born on August 12. 1907.

LLOYD MORRELL combined a deep spirituality with great practicality. He rejoiced in the highest ritual of Anglo-Catholicism, celebrating a pontifical High Mass in great style. At the same time he was a kindly and perceptive spiritual director to many priests and lay people. Few knew the churches and people of Sussex better than he did.

James Herbert Lloyd Morrell was educated at Dulwich College, going on from there to King's College London to read theology. His father, however, died when he had just started his course and from then on he had to support himself. It was a struggle even to get to theological college which, though, he managed to do - training for the ministry at Ely in time to be ordained at 24.

His grandfather had been churchwarden of St Michael's, Brighton, where he himself served his second curacy from 1936 to 1940. George Bell, then Bishop of Chichester, soon noticed the quality of his work and Morrell was freed from immediate parochial demands in order to become chaplain for work among men and boys. So good was he at this that he was soon in demand to share his insights with others. In 1941 was appointed lecturer for the

Welfare Council. In 1944 he moved to become vicar of Roffey, a village near Horsham, but Bell had other and more ambitious plans for him; in 1946 - only 15 years after his ordination and not yet 40 - Morrell was appointed Archdeacon of Lewes. The young archdeacon and his motorbike were soon a familiar sight all over East Sussex, with the former generally carrying a pair of binoculars slung around his neck, the better to inspect church towers

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and roofs. And it was usually Morrell who, off to an evening confirmation or institution up an unlit church path, turned out to be the one to pull a torch out of his pocket.

Morrell was an unassuming man. When he was appointed archdeacon he bought small semi-detached house in Hove, which he shared with his sister Mary. Some expected that on his consecration as suffragan Bishop of Lewes in 1959 he would move to a grander dwelling, but he decided not to do so. In later years he recalled a Brighton bus conductor asking him where he was now going to live. "I'm going to go on living where I am," he replied. "In that same little house?" asked the conductor. And then, after a bit of thought, added: "You know, I think that's right. Bishops should be very splendid in church and just like everyone else out of it." "I thought," said Lloyd, "that that was a true word from God. I have always remembered it and tried to act on it." Although he wrote several A Priest's Notebook of Prayer (1961), Morrell was no scholar. One of his disappointments was that he never had an opportunity for academic study. He was proud to have been elected a Fellow of King's College London in 1960.

But although he had been ordained with, for those days, virtually the minimum academic qualifications, he was rich in the attributes essential to his calling — in his case great personal piety and profound common sense, both brought together in a remark made of him at his retirement in 1977: "He has always been good at pointing out obvious truths which no one else has noticed." After his retirement.

Morrell retained his stall as canon and prebendary of Chichester Catherdal until 1982, at which time he also relinquished the duties, which he had first undertaken in 1961, as Provost of the southern division of the Woodward Schools. He remained unmarried.

# ANNE FORD JOHNSON

Anne Ford Johnson, American hostess and first wife of Henry Ford II, died on March 29 ed (0. SDC) September 24, 1919.

ANNE FORD JOHNSON was married for 23 years to Henry Ford II, grandson of the founder of the motor company. The Fords made a handsome couple during the 1940s and 1950s in Detroit. where Anne Ford occupied a lofty position as patron of local opera and the arts. But her life with the extrovert industrialist was far from painless. Their

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marriage failed, very publicly, in the early 1960s, when Ford left his long suffering wife for a headstrong Italian woman.

ne Ford had married in the Ford dynasty with the full blessing of her husband's family. Anne McDonnell, as she was before her marriage. had been born in Rye, New York, one of 14 children of a wealthy Wall Street broker. She was brought up in a 29room apartment on Fifth Avenue, and a summer mansion on Long Island, and educated at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Noroton, Connecticut, and at school in Sienna.

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that the right woman might calm him down, and they were married in 1940, Ford switching from Methodism to ence to his bride. For some time Anne seemed

to be having the desired effect. She made an instant impression on Ford's friends in Detroit at the first dinner party they gave. The guests sitting around the table were just about to start when Anne Ford bowed her head and said grace. Her husband, much to the assembled company's astonishment, appeared to join in with equal devotion.

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dance band through the shallow end of a swimming pool to the tune of When the Saints Come Marching In. Anne did not see the funny side of her husband's unruliness and

mother — the Fords had two daughters and a son - Anne was discovering a gift for organisation. She served on the White House Fine Arts Committee in the early 1960s and at home she supported the Detroit Institute of Art and the Metropolitan Opera Association of Detroit. During an evening which she was host-

motor cars. Anne stood behind ful years, helping him to build up a fine collection of art. It was said of them that, while he had the cheque book, she had the taste. This was not quite presented him with a Holbein, which she had gone to some trouble to procure, Ford pronounced it ghastly and told her to send it back. Ford's high-spiritedness started to resurface towards his early 40s. He once led a

would sometimes frogmarch him from parties. Apart from her duties as a

The temper of the age and the mood in

which the majority of thoughtful people

now find themselves should go far to

rescue Good Friday from risk of neglect.

Only obtuse self-satisfaction could ig-

nore its significance, and, whatever our

modern faults, we have so far shed

complacency that today we are in danger

more of despair than of undue elation.

And if we continue to differ about the

cure for our public ills, we are increas-

ingly agreed about the nature of the ills

to be cured. They are not, as once men

were apt to suppose, mere troubles of the

surface—economic, social, or political

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adequate. They lie deeper and belong to

the province of the spirit. Suspicion,

jealousy, rancour and hate are the real

evils, the chief hindrances to a happier

and better-ordered world. Ignorance and

thoughtlessness rather than conscious

irreverence are responsible no doubt for

that misuse of Good Friday which is still

too widespread. Yet in recent years there

Anne Ford Johnson with Henry Ford II in London, 1956 some commentators thought that the thick-set Ford looked more like a butcher than a businessman. Anne was always immaculate. In 1956 she was voted one of the ten best dressed women in the world. The crisis point in their

marriage came when Anne Ford overheard her husband on the telephone, promising a young woman - Cristina Austin - that he intended to marry her. Anne Ford tried to reason with her husband, and to effect a reconciliation. But several years later Ford finally left his wife for Mrs Austin. the stunning blonde Italian former wife of a British naval officer, whom he had met in Paris at a party given by

Prince Rainier and Princess Grace. Anne Ford divorced her husband on the ground of "mental anguish" in 1964, her settlement reportedly running to many millions. Ford remarried the following year, but his second marriage also ended in divorce. He married thirdly,

Anne Ford showed extreme courage throughout the pro-cess of the break-up. Soon after her divorce, she was drinking coffee with a friend in a hotel in New York. Across the room she caught sight of Mrs Austin — whom she had never met but recognised from press photographs. She felt the civilised thing would be to go over and introduce herself.

in 1980, Kathleen DuRoss.

and this she did in the most cordial manner she could muster Anne McDonnell Ford herដ ១f ៧

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self remarried in 1968. Her second husband was Deane Johnson, a Los Angeles lawyer. It was a happy and stable marriage, and Anne moved to Los Angeles, where she resumed the serious business of giving parties. Her extensive knowledge of French furniture was put to use by Christie's, to whom she acted as a West Coast representative, and, when she returned to New York in 1980, by Sotheby's.

She is survived by her second husband, and by the two daughters and son from her first marriage.

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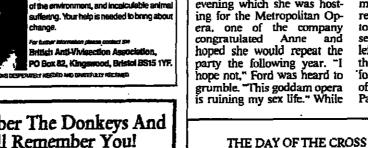
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# ON THIS DAY

April 2, 1931

Because the paper did not come out on Good Friday, this first leading article appeared the day before.

has been some distinct improvement, which will grow rapidly in proportion as the English people are helped to regain their knowledge of Christ. By that they will be swayed as they are unlikely to be by any indirect methods, and Good Friday will be kept rightly when they respond not to the annual appeal of a committee, but to the perennial appeal of the Crucified.

It is fair to add that the popular disregard of Good Friday services may be due in part to the ecclesiastical custom

of treating the day not merely as one of great solemnity, which it is, but of overwhelming sadness, which it is not. Few characteristics of the New Testament are more remarkable than the triumphant exultation with which one writer after another speaks of the Cross. They might have been expected to view it with shuddering horror; to treat it as a hideous memory to be revived in the fewest possible words as a prelude to the triumphant story of the Resurrection. St Paul contemplates the Event of Good Friday with passionate exultation rather than with funereal sadness. He magnifies the cross and proclaims it as the central truth of the Gospel which is to save the world. It is scarcely necessary to insist upon the contrast between this attitude and that of some types of pietism. We offer the world a strange perversion of the Christian faith when we exchange glorying in the Cross for sadness, and observe the day which commemorates our redemption by filling our churches with sounds of "mourning, lamentation and woe."

# Luton man's perseverance pays as his unchanged team scoop £500 monthly prize

# Conway calls the tune as rivals ring the changes

he problem with change is that you can have too much of a good thing. Certainly, transfers help in the race for the E50,000 prize, but some Interactive Team Football (ITF) managers have gone transfer-daft. They heave players in and out of the side with every whim. Is it an FA Cup week? Quick, re-organise the midfield. Is there an R in the month? Time to change the strikers. And if it is Tuesday, it must be the full backs.

But Rob Conway from Luton has no truck with such behaviour. His first choice XI Lewsey Farm, has remained the same since the first kick of the season and finally his loyalty has paid off. Last month he amassed 134 points to win the £500 manager of the month award for March.

Of course, his initial choice always looked to have promise. The team was built around Liverpool, Manchester United, Everton and Aston Villa all sides with considerable reputations. And, barring one or two exceptions, they have all been earning points solidly

throughout the season. Like many managers, Mr Conway was caught out at the start of the season by Alan Stubbs - who would buy him? How would he do? Where would he go? Unfortunately. Stubbs stayed at Bolton and Bolton stayed rooted near the bottom of the table. As a result he has earned Lewsey Farm a meagre 15 points, but the rest of the side have more than made up for that with six men

breaking the 50-point barrier. The top scorer is Mark Draper with 57 points and, together with Milosevic he forms the most productive club partnership in the side. Working in tandem with Jones and James from Liverpool, they have been the backbone of the team's success, earning 210 points between them since the end of August.

Mr Conway decided to spend carefully on his strikers, laying out a frugal £8 million for two men. It is the sort of







expediture that would buy you one Robbie Fowler or part of an Alan Shearer, but Mr Conway's combination of Milosevic and Hughes has gained him more points than either of the two big money individuals.

So far Lewsey Farm has racked up 521 points, enough to place the team in 141st position overall. However, there is still a long way to go in the Premiership and so far Mr Conway's boys have done him proud with no need for change. As the saying goes: If it ain't broke, don't mend it.

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allows you to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership. He would then no longer be eligible for ITF and would have to be replaced. You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touchtone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a \* and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the 0891 333 331 line during the times given. Calls will be charged at 39 pence per minute cheap rate, 49 pence per minute at other times. If

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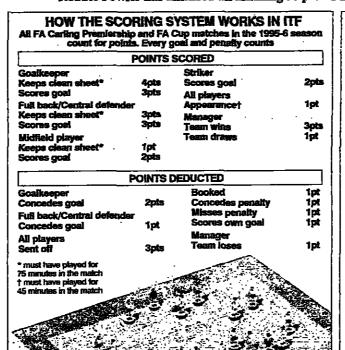
the monthly £500 prizes. With ITF, not only are you pitting your selectorial skills against other readers of The Times, you are also matching your wits against those in the know. With the support of the Professional Footballers' Association, Premiership players have entered sides of their own, and on the oppposite page is a look at the standings in a league formed by their

All matches in the Premiership and those in the FA Cup involving Premiership clubs manager win and lose you points. With Jones Boys Six setting the pace, is it time for you to delve into the transfer

□ All transfer queries regarding Interactive Team Football should be directed to 0171 757 7016. All other inquiries can be made on 01582 488 122.



Robbie Fowler has amassed an amazing 96 points in ITF. Surely your team is celebrating along with him each time he scores?



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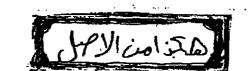
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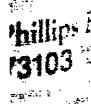
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The players' overall and weekly scores and their values if you are considering the transfer option

Team	(Player's name)	Pts	Pos	Team	(Player's name)
Danish Dynamite	(J Molby)	454	38	Fast Atlack	(D Lee)
West Shambles Utd	(S Webster)	405	39	T B's XI	(D Wise)
Nash FC	(M Powell)	393	40	Silver Band Club XI	(T Blake)
Rattus Norvegicus	(S Pearce)	380	41	Goochles	(N Southall)
Teds XI	(B Home)	380	42	Elly's Eggs	(R Elliott)
Macs Moodles	(A McDonald)	375	42	Squark Hubbas	(D Dichlo)
Dred Select	(S Morgan)	372	44	The True Vikings	(S Bjornebye)
Cadburys Busst	(D Busst)	370	44	Pedro's Pearls	(P Beardsley)
The Ruff Necks	(R Fox)	361	46	Fergles Flyers	(D Ferguson)
J C's Superstars	(S Clarke)	361	47	Sheffield City FC	(C'Tiler)
Southcote Old Boys	(M Alien)	360	48	Sabs Eleven	(S Bould)
The Moody Blues	(N Spackman)	357	49	Hitchys XI	(K Hitchcock)
Dodgy Barnets Eleven	(J Beresford)	355	50	Tailaght Town	(G O'Toole)
Poelva	(M Kennedy)	353	51	Complete Madness	(S Chettle)
J&FFC	(J Berestord)	352	52	Mine Mine United	(S Hodge)
Mbrs	(D Peacock)	352	53	Sheep in White Socks	(D Phillips)
The Bluenoses	(J Spencer)	350	54	The Flair Boys	(L Clark)
Whittys Winners	(S Whittaker)	350	55	Smokin Cigars	(N Zelic)
The Travellers	(L Hurst)	349	56	Keepers Greapers	(S Ognzovic)
The Fab 12	(F Defreitas)	345	57	Goalies 11	(D Seaman)
Fantasina	(D Platt)	344	57	Teflon Town	(K Branagan)
The Crazy Boys	(N McDonaid)	343	59	Pie Men	(J Parkinson)
Ryton Raiders	(G Gillespie)	341	60	Smart Team	(J Gould)
Pure Silk	(T Sinclair)	340	60	Lifes A Pitch	(B Marwood)
Buildock Toon	(S Stone)	337	62	Kit & Kaboodie	(J Moncur)
Bruces Bonus	(A Hinchcliffe)	335	62	Gemmas Gems	(G Strachan)
Barkers Follies	(S Barker)	332	64	Kirkby Krunchers	(A Stubbs)
Quango Utd	(B Borrows)	330	65	The Lepricorns	(K Gillespie)
Robs Rockets	(R Lee)	328	66	Craigs Crackers	(G Strachan)
Cracker Jacks	(S Elliott)	326	67	Spice Islanders	(B Batson)
Eleven From Heaven	(A Limpar)	325	63	Raggy Rovers	(J Darby)
Kansas City Kings	(T Breaker)	323	69	Foreign United	(R Sneekes)
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32	Kansas City Kings	n (A Limpar) (T Brezker)		325 323
32	Irish Connection	(W Boland)		323
34	Prince's Team	(A Philippe)		323 322
35	Avenue Foch Town			321
36	Toshy's Welsh Terr			317
36	The Warriors	(S Dykstra)		317
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30802		Queens Park Rangers	1.50	+3 -12
30803		Queens Park Rangers	2.00	+4 +4
30805		Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0 -10
30901		Wimbledon	2.50	0 -4
30902		Wimbledon	0.75	0 -5
30903		Wimbledon	0.75	о -в
30904		Wimbledon	1.00	+4 -16
30905		Wimbledon	2.50	0 -3
31001		Southampton	1.50	0 +5
31002		Southampton	1.50	+2+11
31003	R Hall	Southampton	1.50	0 +7
31101	E Johnsen	Chelsea '	1.50	-1 +12
31102	J Kieldbierg	Cheisea	1.50	0 0
31103	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	0 +5
31104	D Lee	Chelsea	0.75	-1 + 20
31105	M Duberry	Chelsea	2.50	-1 +4
31201	T Adams	Arsenal	4.50	0+27
31202	2 S Bouid	Arsenal	3.00	0+23
31203		Arsenal	1.50	0 + 30
31204		Arsenal	1.50	0+10
31301		Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 -2
31303		Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 0
31401		West Ham United West Ham United	2.50 2.50	0+15 0+13
31402 31403		West Ham United	1.00	0+13
31405		West Ham United	0.50	0 0
31406		West Ham United	1.50	0 +5
31501	·	Everton	2.50	+4+35
31502	· · ·	Everton	2.50	+3+22
31503		Everton	2.50	+4+15
31602	P Rennie	Coventry City	0.75	0 -7
31603	D Busst	Coventry City	0.75	0 +1
31604		Coventry City	1.50	-2 -15
31605		Coventry City	1.50	-2 -17
31608		Coventry City	1.50 1.50	-2 -1 1 +6
31701		Manchester City	1.00	0 -3
31702	<del>-</del>	Manchester City Manchester City	1,50	0 +7
31704 31801	•	Aston Villa	2.50	-2+36
31802		Aston Villa	1.50	-2+26
31804		Aston Villa	0.75	0 +1
31901		Middlesbrough		+4+17
31902		Middlesbrough	0.75	0+21
31903		Middlesbrough		+4 0
31904		Middlesbrough		+2+19
32001		Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0+15
32001		Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0 -18
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40103	J Wilcox	Blackburn Royers	5.00 +1 +6
40104	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50 +1+34
	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	2.00 +1+33
40105	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	2.50 0 +3
40107	M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	1.00 0+10
40109	L Bohines	Blackburn Rovers	4.00 0+38
40110			
40111	W McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	
40112	G Fenton	Blackburn Rovers	0.75 0 +3
40201	R Giggs	Manchester United	5.50 +1+61
40202	R Keane	Manchester United	2.50 0+39
40203	L Sharpe	Manchester United	3.00 +1+42
40205	N Butt	Manchester United	2.00 0+40
40206	D Beckham	Manchester United	0.75 +3+39
40207	S Davies	Manchester United	0.75 0 +1
40302	C Bart-Williams	Nottingham Forest	3.00 +1+39
40303	l Woan	Nottingham Forest	3.00 0+51
40304	S Stone ·	Nottingham Forest	4.00 +1+48
40305	D Phillips	Nottingham Forest	2.00 0+21
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40306		Nottingham Forest	2.00 +1+34
40307	K Black	Nottingham Forest	1.00 0 +1

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40401	S McManaman	Liverpool	6.50	+2+71
40402		Liverpool	2.50	+2+24
40403		Liverpool		+2+56
40405 40409	/	Liverpool	1.50	0+28
40411		Liverpool Liverpool	2.00 4.00	0 +1 +4+46
40501	G McAllister	Leeds United	4.00	0+56
40502		Leeds United	4.00	+1+38
40503		Leeds United	2.50	0+23
40505	L Radebe	Leeds United	0.75	0 +7
40506	M Tinkler	Leeds United	0.50	0 +3
40507	A Couzens	Leeds United	1.00	0 +2
40508		Leeds United	1.00	0 +9
40601	R Lee	Newcastle United	4.50	0+50
40603		Newcastie United	4.50	0+39
40604		Newcastle United	4.00	0+30
40605 40607	L Clark S Watson	Newcastle United Newcastle United	1.50 1.50	0+35 0+18
40607		Newcastle United	0.75	0 0
40609		Newcastle United	0.75	0 +1
40610		Newcastle United	1.50	0+32
40701	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	6.50	0 +3
40702	D Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	+1+34
40703	J Dozzeli	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	+1+27
40705	G McMahon	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0 +7
40707	R Fox	Tottenham Hotspur		+5+49
40708	A Sinton	Tottenham Hotspur		+1+17
40801 40802	S Barker I Holloway	Queens Park Rangers Queens Park Rangers		+2+33 +1+20
40803	A impey	Queens Park Rangers		+2+35
40805	T Sinclair	Queens Park Rangers		+2+40
40808		Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0 +1
40809	N Quashle	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0 +9
40810	M Brazier	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0 0
40901	V Jones	Wimbledon		+2+17
40902	R Earle	Wimbledon		+1+51
40903	M Gayle	Wimbledon		+2+38
40904	O Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50	0+42
40905	N Ardley	Wimbledon	0.75	0 0
40906	P Fear	Wimbledon	0.75	0 +3
41001	J Magilton	Southampton		+3+51
41002	N Maddison	Southampton	2.00	0+17
41003	N Heaney	Southampton		+3+17
41005	D Hughes	Southampton	0.75	0 ÷6
41006	T Widdrington	Southampton	1.00	0+25
41007	B Venison	Southampton		+2+20
41008	M Walters	Southampton	1.50	0 +7
41101	D Wise	Cheisea		+1+49
41102	R Gullitt	Chelsea		+3+51
41103	G Peacock	Chelsea	3.00	0+39
41104	D Rocastie	Chelsea	1.50	0 +1
41105	N Spackman	Chelsea	0.75	0 +9
41106	C Burley	Chelsea		+1+16
41108	E Newton	Chelsea	0.75	0+32
41201	G Helder	Arsenal	4.00	0+25
41202	P Merson	Arsenal	4.00	0+56
41204	R Parlour	Arsenal	200	0±17

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40607		Newcastle United	1.50	0+18
40608	C Holland	Newcastle United	0.75	0 0
40609	R Elliott	Newcastle United	0.75	0 +1
40610	D Batty	Newcastle United	1.50	0+32
40701	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	6.50	0 +3
40702	D Howells	Tottenham Hotspur		+1+34
40703	J Dozzeli	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	+1+27
40705	G McMahon	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0 +7
40707	R Fox	Tottenham Hotspur	6.00	+5+49
40708	A Sinton	Tottenham Hotspur	200	+1+17
40801	S Barker	<b>Oueens Park Rangers</b>	2.50	+2+33
40802	I Holloway	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	+1+20
40803	A impey	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	+2+35
40805	T Sinclair	Queens Park Rangers	3.00	+2+40
40808	G Goodridge	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0 +1
40809	N Quashle	Queens Park Rangers		0 +9
40810	M Brazier	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0 0
40901	V Jones	Wimbledon	2.00	+2+17
40902	R Earle	Wimbledon	2.50	+1+51
40903	M Gayle	Wimbledon	1.50	+2+38
40904		Wimbledon	2.50	0 + 42
40905	N Ardley	Wimbledon	0.75	0 0
40906	P Fear	Wimbledon	0.75	0 +3
41001	J Magilton	Southampton	3.00	-
41002	<del>-</del> -	Southampton	2.00	0+17
41003		Southampton		+3+17
41005		Southampton	0.75	0 +6
41008		Southampton	1.00	0+25
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	·	Southampton	1.50	
41008		Southampton	1.50	0 +7
41101	D Wise	Cheisea		+1+49
41102		Chelsea		+3+51
41103	G Peacock	Chelsea	3.00	0+39
41104	D Rocastie	Chelsea	1.50	0 +1
41105	N Spackman	Chelsea	0.75	0 +9
41106	C Burley	Chelsea	1.00	+1+16
41108	E Newton	Chelsea	0.75	0+32
41201	G Helder	Arsenal	4.00	0+25
41202	P Merson	Arsenal	4.00	0+56
41204		Arsenal	2.00	0+17
41205		Arsenal	1.00	0 0
41206		Arsenal	1.00	0 +6
41207		Arsenal	1.00	
	D Platt	Arsenal	4.50	
41209	A Clarke	Arsenal	1.50	0 +2
41301	J Sheridan	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 + 10
41303	C Waddle	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	
41304	G Hyde	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0+17
41305	K Ingesson	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0 +5
41306	R Jones	Sheffield Wednesday	0.75	_
	M Williams	Sheffield Wednesday		-
41307			1.00	0 +2
41308	i. Briscoe	Sheffield Wednesday	0.75	0+16
41309	M Pembridge	Shelfield Wednesday	1.50	0+25
41401	J Moncur	West Ham United	3.00	0+19
41405	l Bishop	West Ham United	1.50	0+44
41406	D Gordon	West Ham United	1.00	0 0
41409	R Slater	West Ham United	1.00	0+21
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41410		West Ham United	1.00 (
41411	M Hugnes	West Ham United	2.00 (
41412	D Williamson	West Ham United	1.00 (
41413		West Ham United	4.00 0
41501	•	Everton	5.00 +1
41502	J Ebbreil	Everton	1.50 0
41503	A Limpar	Everton	2.50
41504		Everton	1.50 +2
41505		Everton	1.50 C
41506		Everton	1.00 0
41508		Everton	0.50 +2
41509	A Kanchelskis	Everton	6.00 +6
41601	P Cook	Coventry City	2.00
41602	K Richardson	Coventry City	1.50 +2
41603	G Strachan	Coventry City	1.50 0
41607	P Telfer	Coventry City	1.50 0
41608	M Isaias	Coventry City	3.00
11609	C Batista	Coventry City	1.00 0
11610		Coventry City	2.50 +1
11701	G Flitcroft	Manchester City	2.50 -3
41702	P Beagrie	Manchester City	3.00 0
41703	S Lomas	Manchester City	1.50 +1
11704	i Brightwell	Manchester City	1.50 +1
	N Summerbee	Manchester City	1.50 -2
11707	G Kinkladze	Manchester City	1.50 +1
1708	N Clough	Manchester City	1.50 +1
11709	C Brown	Manchester City	1.00 0
\$1801	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.00 0
11802	i Taylor	Aston Villa	2.00 +1
1803	G Southgate	Aston Villa	2.00 0
11805 11806	F Carr M Draper	Aston Villa	0.50 0
1901	ลา Draper C Hignett	Aston Villa Middlesbrough	2.50 +1
1902	A Moore	Middlesbrough	1.00 0 2.00 0
1903	J Moreno	Middlesbrough	1.00 0
11904	R Mustoe	Middlesbrough	0.75 +2
1905	J Pollock	Middlesbrough	2.00 +2
1906	B Robson	Middlesbrough	1.50 0
1907	Juninho	Middlesbrough	5.00 0
2002	D Lee	Bolton Wanderers	2.50 0
2003	A Thompson	Bolton Wanderers	2.50 0
2007	W Burnett	Boiton Wanderers	0.50 0
2008	S Sellars	Bolton Wanderers	2.50 +1
2009	S Curcic	Bolton Wanderers	1.50 +1

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1	50101		Blackburn Rovers	10.00 +0+86
0	50102 50103		Blackburn Rovers	7.00 0 +7
8	50104		Blackburn Rovers Blackburn Rovers	2.00 +1+23 2.50 +1+15
4	50105		n Blackburn Rovers	2.00 0 +1
7	50201		Manchester United	7.50 +1+59
6 5	50202	A Cole	Manchester United	7.00 +3+52
4	50203	B McClair	Manchester United	3.00 0+17
4	50204		Manchester United	2.50 0 +34
6	50301		Nottingham Forest	6.00 +1+40
5	50302 50303		Nottingham Forest	2.50 0+35
5	50305		Nottingham Forest Nottingham Forest	1.50 +1+22 3.50 0 +7
3	50306		Nottingham Forest	1.00 0 0
9	50401		Liverpool	8.00 +5+96
5	50402		Liverpool	7.50 +1+57
5	50403		Liverpool	3.00 0+19
4	50501	A Yeboah	Leed's United	7.50 0+53
3	50502		Leeds United	2.50 +1+34
9	50503		Leeds United	1.50 0 +3
9	50506 50601		Leeds United	5.00 0 ± 19
8	50602		Newcastle United Newcastle United	8.00 0 ± 7- 5.00 0 ± 37
7	50602		Newcastle United	5.00 0 +37 2.50 0 +7
Ó	50604		Newcastle United	0.50 0 7
ğ	50605		Newcastle United	0.50 0 0
6	50606		Newcastle United	6.50 0 +8
3	50701		Tottenham Hotspur	6.00 +3+76
	50702		Tottenham Hotspur	4.00 +1+60
4	50704	R Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50 0+31
	50801	K Galien	Queens Park Rangers	
1	50802 50803	B Alien D Dichio	Queens Park Rangers Queens Park Rangers	
ď	50805	M Hateley	Queens Park Rangers	
-	50901	D Holdsworth	Wimbledon	4.00 +2+44
	50902	J Goodman	Wimbledon	1.50 0+31
	50903	M Harford	Wimbledon	1.00 0+18
	50904	G Blissett	Wimbledon	0.75 0 0
	50905	A Clarke	Wimbledon	0.75 +1+13
	50906 50907	E Ekoku J Eueli	Wimbledon Wimbledon	2.50 +1 +41 1.50 0 +2
	51001	M Lø Tissier	Southampton	8.00 0+29
	51002	N Shipperley	Southampton	2.50 +2+55
	51003	G Watson	Southampton	2.00 +1+25
	51101	M Hughes	Chelsea	4.00 +1+34
	51102	M Stein	Chelsea	2.50 0 +6
	51103		Chelsea	2.50 +1+40
	51104		Chelsea	2.50 0+20
	51201 51202	l Wright D Bergkamp	Arsenal Arsenal	7.50 0+44 7.50 0+45
	51203		Arsenal	4.00 0+19
	51204	C Kiwomya	Arsenal	1.50 0 0
	51206	P Dickov	Arsenal	0.75 0 +4
	51301	D Hirst	Sheffield Wednesday	4.00 0+42
	51302	M Bright	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50 0+27 1.50 0+30
	51303 51304	G Whittingham O Donaldson	Sheffield Wednesday Sheffield Wednesday	1.50 0+30 0.50 0+3
	51305	M Degryse	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00 0+38
	51306	D Kovacevic	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00 0+11
	51307	R Blinker	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00 0 +2
	51401	T Cottee	West Ham United	4.50 0+44
	51403	M Boogers	West Ham United	2.00 0 -3
	51404	l Dowie Dani	West Ham United West Ham United	0.75 0+45
	51405 51501	D Ferguson	Everton	2.50 0 +6 6.00 0+26
	51502	D Amokachi	Everton	2.00 +3+28
	51503	P Rideout	Everton	3.00 0+30
	51504	G Stuart	Everton	2.00 0+52
	51601	D Dublin	Coventry City	4.50 +4+59
	51602	P Ndjovu	Coventry City	4.00 +1+25
	51605 51606	N Lamptey N Whelan	Coventry City Coventry City	1.00 0 +3 1.50 +2+34
	51607	E Jess	Coventry City	3.00 +2 +5
	51701	U Rosler	Manchester City	5,50 0+46
	51702	N Quinn	Manchester City	4.00 +3+42
	51705	G Creaney	Manchester City	250 0+15
	51706	R Ekelund	Manchester City	2.50 0 +1
	51801	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	4.00 +1+55
	51803	D Yorke	Aston Villa	3.00 +1 +68
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# THE TIMES TODAY

# **NEWS**

### Howard rushes in terrorist law

■ Emergency laws giving the police the right to stop and search terrorist suspects are to be rushed through Parliament today amid fears of an IRA Easter bomb campaign.

The measures to provide the police with more powers to flush out terrorists and their bombs, explosives and guns is expected to law by tomorrow. Michael Howard unveiled the package of changes to the Prevention of Terrorism Act, saying they were 

### Tory MP threatens to topple Government

■ A close ally of Michael Heseltine threatened to bring down the Government if John Major concedes a referendum on a single currency. Julian Critchley gave the warning as the Prime Minister failed to persuade Kenneth Clarke to abandon his resistance to a plebiscite.

### 'Mad cow' deal

Britain proposed the destruction of up to 4.6 million cattle over the next six years in an attempt to end the "mad cow" crisis ...... Page I

### Jail criticisms

A prisoner at Holloway jail was forced to attend court in her night clothes because there was no other clothing available for inmates at Britain's biggest female ..... Page 2

### Drunken rampage

The teenage sons of a doctor, a retired bank manager and a business consultant were sentenced to youth custody for assaulting a church caretaker "for a laugh" after getting drunk ........... Page 3

### **BSE** test

The families of four victims of the human form of "mad cow" disease urged the Government to examine a possible test in live a sword. cattle and humans ...... Page 4

### Chernobyl fear

People on the remote Western Isle of Benbecula spoke of fears that their seemingly unspoilt island was harbouring a deadly environmental agent caused by the Chernobyl disaster ...... Page 5

### **Border dispute**

A retired teacher smiled as chainsaws trimmed his neighbour's giant Cupressus leylandii hedge — another episode in one of

# George Blake sued

The double-agent George Blake was sued by Britain in an attempt to recover £90,000 he made from a book on his years with

### Murder case death

A police officer cleared of murdering his wife in a whirlpool bath seven years ago has been found dead in his car.... ...Page 8 Water competition

Water companies will be forced to compete with smaller firms under plans announced by the Government... .... Page 11

### Saudi row

A new row between Britain and Saudi Arabia is threatening to jeopardise millions of pounds of British exports after BBC's Panorama showed explicit scenes of a man being publicly executed with .. Page 13

### Terrorism plan

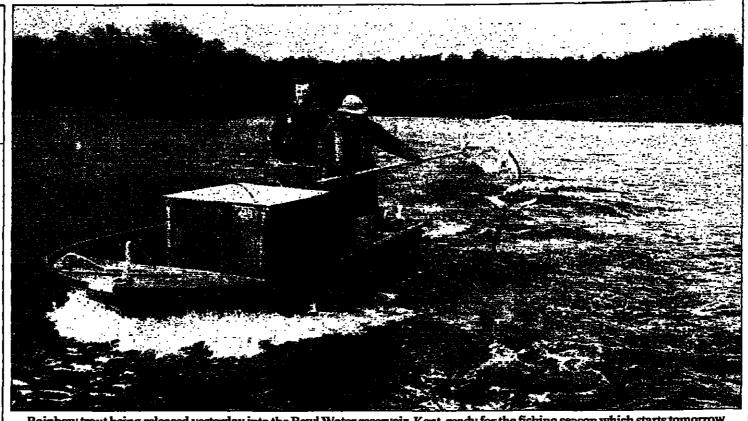
America is marshalling an antiterrorist army in Atlanta for a series of exercises a day before the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing and amid fears of attacks on the Olympic .Page 14

### Israeli referendum

Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, pledged for the first time to stage a referendum on any final peace agreement with the Britain's longest and costliest Palestinians, including the future unneighbourly disputes ... Page 6 status of Jerusalem ....... Page 15

### Into the wide, blue yonder

It was not surprising that Pepsi-Cola delayed the announcement that it was to paint Concorde blue to match its new can until after April 1. Rumours that the company had spent £125,000 to paint an Air France Concorde blue and another £125,000 to paint it white again, had been circulating. But no-one could believe it was serious.....



Rainbow trout being released yesterday into the Bewl Water reservoir, Kent, ready for the fishing season which starts tomorrow

### BUSINESS

Economy: British manufacturing contracted in March, marking the seventh month of virtual stagnation, says the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply..... Page 25 Telecoms: Two American telephone companies have announced

a \$17 billion merger, creating the country's second largest phone company after AT&T in the first deal of a shake-up..... .....Page 25 National Westminster. The mar-

kets arm of National Westminster has been criticised by the City Takeover Panel over Rentokil's £1.8 billion bid for BET .. ...Page 25 Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 18.7 to

3718.4. Sterling rose from 83.4 to 83.6 after a fall from \$1.5262 to \$1.5255 but a rise from DM2.2531 to ..Page 28

### Football: The almost unprecedented sight of rows of empty seats at FA Cup semi-finals has forced the Football Association to review its

SPORT

. Page 48 ticketing structure... Boxing: Lennox Lewis has been guaranteed a challenge for the WBC heavyweight title in September. If terms cannot be agreed with Mike Tyson, his opponent could be Frank Bruno ... .. Page 48

the Biggar lock, has received a 19month suspension from the Scottish Rugby Union for incidents in a match against Ayr .... .... Page 48 Rowing: Oxford will have an advantage of 11b a man for the Boat Race. Cambridge's Ethan Ayer, at

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row in the event.

Rugby union: David McKendrick,

Forgotten Impressionist: The Royal Academy has mounted the first major British exhibition of paintings by Gustave Caillebotte, best known as a great collector of Impressionists .... .... Page 40

ARTS

Young virtuoso: "There has never been a more accomplished Young Musician than Rafal Payne," says Gerald Larner...

Out of the Bush: Having turned the Bush into one of the most exciting venues for new plays in London, Dominic Doomgoole is quitting the theatre and turning his energies towards film. . Page 41

Pawn show: The musical Chess, written by Tim Rice and two members of the pop group Abba, has been revived for a long British

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Sex and Chopin: The Royal Scottish National Orchestra talk to Julia Llewellyn Smith about their portrayal in Appassionata, Jilly Cooper's latest novel ...... Page 17 Piers, Gary and friends: Surfing through Debrett's People of Today on CD-Rom, Giles Coren finds that it is not as populist as it claims

### BODY AND MIND

Miracle of science? Richard Dawkins's new book, Climbing Mount Improbable, traces the evolution of the human eye .. . Page 16 Headless bodies: Hallucinations can signify Lewy Body dementia, says Dr Thomas Stuttaford. How do you treat it?...

### EAV. BSE blight: What is the Government doing to compensate families of victims of CJD?..

THE PAPERS Britain's dear fellow European partners reacted by gleefully slapping bans on imports of British beef without delay. This, of course, much to the delight of their own farmers. These events took place as the EU countries were to meet in Turin to implement yet another

the road to becoming the United States of Europe — Washington Times

plank of the Maastricht agenda,

which is supposed to set them on

Preview: The scalpels are out for the return of the quirky hospital drama. Cardiac Arrest (BBCI; 10pm) Review: Peter Barnard on a 

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### Political jobbery

Markets will not wait for politicians to find the philosopher's stone. That should, but will not be, the word from Lille ....... Page 19

### Lords of libel

The amendment should be supported in the interests of freedom of speech as well as justice it give judges the right to judge in their domain; and editors the right to edit in theirs...

### Naval gazing

What the Millenium Exhibition requires is a business Bonaparte who can make private enterprise work in the public interest \_\_\_\_Page 19

# COLUMNS

### LIBBY PURVES

All week a perilous sense has been growing on me that I no longer belong to a lion-like little country that famously stood alone, but to a flabby and timid and panicking Page 18

# ROGER SCRUTON

Thank God that in a world of shortterm efficiency, there remain these few institutions devoted to the glorious idea of waste. For as surely as short-term efficiency abhors waste, long-term efficiency requires it... \_Page 18

### **GRAHAM SEARGEANT**

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Standards are now high enough to make it reasonable to use one company's mains for another's water. The drawback is that drinking water would become a commodity. based on the legal minimum standard. There would be no incentive for any one company to do any better, for instance on colour or nitrate traces...

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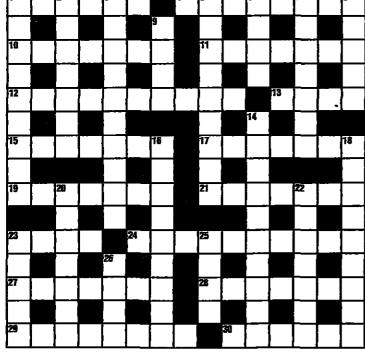
Claude Mauriac, writer and journalist; Anne Ford Johnson, American hostess and first wife of Henry Ford II; The Right Rev Lloyd Morrell, Bishop of Lewes, . Page 21

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rency; Europe; Sir Ron Dearing's report; Zen in management; gun licences; eye tests ......

Sir Julian Crichley on single cur-

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**ACROSS** 

I Food the Italian way - no dish, oddly, needed (6).

4 Jack may be seen here - in box and pack of cards (4-4).

10 No advantage's allowed in new puzzle (7). 11 Early, perhaps - coming round a

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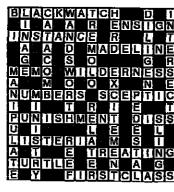
3 15 Five song-books, altogether different (7). 17 Guy in jazz club hosting strip

show (7). 19 Write article about a telling performance (7). 21 Nothing about a heartless be-

trayal is attractive (7). 23 Share a concern (4).

24 May do well, having Joyce's personality (5,5).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,130



27 Cow tucked into grain as main source of food? (7). 28 Risk the introduction of lay-

women in part of the church (7). 29 A fresh flower opening (8). 30 Remarkable occurrence seen in 1995 but not 1996 (6).

I Vehicle insurance that's highly acceptable in North American city

2 Recall a ringleader forming a ring 3 It's loosely associated with tal-

ented amateur (10). 5 Hands on most of the business the French passed up (9).

6 Unusual choice (4). 7 English chap turned up at our entrance (7). 8 Boat unaffected by capsizing (5).

9 Employer's conduct not hardhearted (4). 14 Open committee meeting up-

stairs? (5-5). 16 Tough assignment class has proudly taken on (4,5).

18 Count embraces ambassador jolly warmly (9). 20 Originally all the sailors imprisoned for butchery (7).

22 Inspiring passages? (7). 23 Dad and Mum have a meeting in the Turk's Head (5).

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A few showers are expected in some western and southeastern counties. It will remain rather on the cold side, with frost early in the day. Winds will stay mostly light. Northern reland will have a few showers early in the day but these will tend to die away. Scotland should experience most of the day dry, with some

Later in the day the far north will cloud over, perhaps with a little drizzle. It will be rather cold, with frost early in the day. Winds will be

mostly light. London, SE England, E Anglia: some sunny or clear spells with a scattering of mostly light showers, which will tend to die out later. Winds light, mainly northeasterly. Rather cold with early frost. Max 9C (48F). 

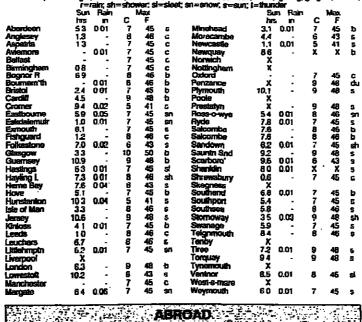
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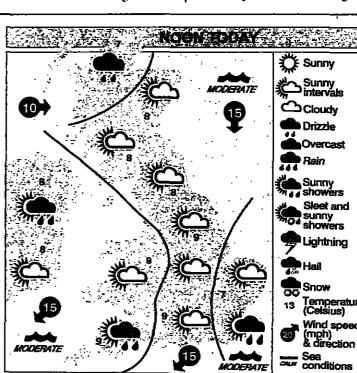
early in the day; otherwise mostly dry and bright. Winds light, mainly between northeast and northwest. Rather cold. Max 9C (48F). NE & NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: mostly dry and bright at first, becoming rather cloudy later, with the chance of a little light rain. Winds light or moderate, mainly becomina

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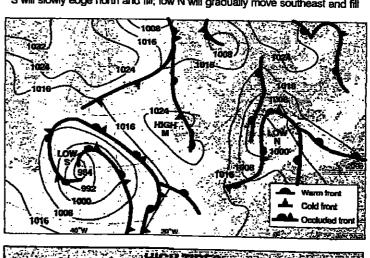
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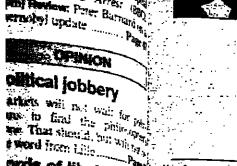
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**TUESDAY APRIL 2 1996** 

# Baby Bells plan \$50bn merger

IN NEW YORK

THE pace of consolidation in the global telecommunications in-dustry gathered speed yesterday with the proposed merger of two US regional telephone companies, creating a new entity that is second in size only to AT&T in America.

A merger of SBC Communications, based in Texas, and California's Pacific Telesis Group will be one of the largest in US corporate history. It will create a company worth more than \$50 billion, with 100,000 employees and revenues of

more than \$21 billion. As British Telecom and Cable and Wireless continued talks in London aimed at securing a £30 billion merger, executives of the two American companies said their own merger was driven by the need to create a company big enough to break into the international market.

After their respective mergers, the US and UK companies will be similar in size, ranking third or fourth largest in the world.

John Wilks, telecommunications analyst at Brown Brothers Harriman, the New York broker, said: "International telecoms is a major factor in this deal. International domestic side, and size matters in this field."

California is attracting competing phone companies because it is seen as a gateway for international traffic into the rapidly growing markets of the Pacific Rim and Mexico. SBC and PacTel are looking to take a substantial slice of the \$70 billion-ayear long-distance traffic. "California is a window on to the Pacific

Rim." said Mr Wilks. Protecting their home turf, however, is just as strong a motivation for the two companies. The US telecomunications industry has been thrown into turmoil by recent

legislation that allows the Baby Bells and the long-distance call companies, such as AT&T and MCI, to break into each other's markets. To meet the increased competition, AT&T is splitting itself into three, while many of the seven Baby Bell companies believe the only way to

survive is to merge. SBC is effectively taking over PacTel in a stock swap that values PacTel shares at \$39 each, a 41 per cent premium to its Friday closing price. The California company, which is the smallest of the Baby Bells, was already suffering from inroads by competitors into its lucrative market, with a 12 per cent

drop in profits in the final quarter of last year, its shares near a 52-week low and rumours that it was considering cutting its dividend. It also spun off its lucrative wireless phone company two years ago which cut its revenues. SBC, by contrast, is performing strongly with a 22 per cent jump in fourth quarter profits. The new group will

be called SBC Communications Inc. Among the other local phone companies, Bell Atlantic and Nynex, two East Coast operators. have been in merger talks but are yet to agree on price. SBC and PacTel said they did not expect any antitrust or competitive issues to

tory problems because they operate in different regions and only SBC has a cellullar phone network. ☐ Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, yesterday made it clear that the Government has not given any approval in principle to a

possible merger of BT and C&W. He said: "Should these two companies propose a merger, then the competition authorities in the UK, in Europe and in other parts of the world need to consider the position. It would be inappropriate for the UK Government to prejudge any future decisions by the UK competi-

# **BUSINESS** TODAY

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marking the seventh month in a row where the sector has been virtually stagnant, according to the latest survey from the Chartered Institute of GOLD Purchasing and Supply. The institute's purchasing \* denotes midday trading price managers' survey fell to 49.7

in March from 49.9 in February. Any number under 50 signals a contraction in the sector. The manufacturing sector is still struggling to emerge from the weight of a huge build-up of stocks last year as firms overestimated the strength of demand. In an attempt to offload

some of these stocks, factories slashed prices. The institute's prices index fell to 43.3 from 44.4 in February, the sharpest drop since July 1991, the month the survey began.

This is potentially excellent news for inflation and the City was yesterday talking about the possibility of another cut in base rates, perhaps in the summer. Most analysts think that the monetary meeting tomorrow is too soon to cut rates again.

The purchasing managers' survey showed that firms reduced output in an attempt to cut stock levels. The output index slumped to its lowest level since October 1992. The employment index fell for the third successive month as companies laid off people in response to weak demand. New orders were up, but only slightly.

There was some pick-up in demand for consumer goods, but that was not strong enough to balance declines in other sectors. Peter Thomson, director-general of the insti-tute, said: "What we are seeing is a two-tiered manufacturing economy with strong growth reported by purchasing man-agers in consumer industries and contraction in other sectors.

The Government is relying on 3.5 per cent growth in consumer spending this year to help to achieve its overall growth forecast of 3 per cent. But most independent economists doubt that spending will be strong enough to counteract the negative effect of the stocks cycle early in the year. England reported a 0.5 per cent increase in MO, the

Separately, the Bank of narrow money supply, in March. This depressed the annual rate of growth in the measure to 5.4 per cent from Empty seats, page 48 | 6.0 per cent in February.

**Factory** output down again By JANET BUSH ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT BRITISH manufacturing ac-

tivity contracted in March, London close..... \$394.75 (\$396.55)

# Judge gives provisional ruling on BCCI

BY OUR BANKING

THE Bank of England app ears to have won the first round of its battle with the liquidators of the collapsed **Bank of Credit and Commerce** International after a High Court judge yesterday made a provisional ruling that the Bank was not liable.

Mr Justice Clarke agreed to take further submissions from Deloitte & Touche, the liquidators, and the Bank over whether it could be liable for breach of duty and abuse of office in relation to its supervision of BCCI. But he said his provisional view about whether the plaintiffs' alleged losses were capable of being caused in law by the alleged actions of the Bank was no. Deloitte & Touche was suing

the Bank for damagages on behalf of 6,000 depositors with more than £500 million on deposit at BCCI when it collapsed in July 1991. The case is the first action on such a large scale against the Bank. The liquidators viewed the

provisional ruling in a far more positive light. In a statement of their interpretation of the ruling, the judge answered that the Bank could be liable "provided it was shown it had proper appreciation of the probability of the alleged abuse of power causing loss to depositors".

However, a Bank spokes-man said: "The Bank is pleased with the provisional judgment, the central conclusions of which are that currently the Bank is not capable of being held liable to the plaintiffs for misfeasance of public office and that the plaintiffs' alleged losses were not caused in law by the Bank."

# EC to call for social clause in trade deals

FROM PHILIP BASSETT IN LILLE

BRUSSELS will today bring into the open a simmering row between the world's leading industrial nations over attaching minimum employment standards to international trade agreements when Europe's Social Affairs Commissioner calls clearly for a new social clause" to trade deals.

The move will be strongly opposed by the UK Government, which insisted yesterday at the Group of Seven (G jobs conference that it would not accept any such imposition of international labour standards.

It follows a sharp coded attack on Britain's policies at the conference yesterday by Jacques Santer, European Commission President, who claimed, against the disagreement of Britain, a consensus on the need for a co-ordinated European and macroeconomic strategy to combat unem-

Padraig Flynn, EC Commissioner, will today tell the G7 jobs conference in Lille, north-

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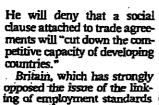
east France, before its conclusion, that the issue of a link between trade agreements and minimum employment standards "must be faced and talked about. It simply cannot be ducked or avoided. European public opinion would not find that credible."

He will insist that social standards should be established, and will propose that the World Trade Organisation - the successor to Gatt should consider setting up ways to introduce them at its own conference in Singapore at the end of the year, on four grounds These are: freedom of asso-

ciation, the right for unions to organise and bargain collectively, an end to child and forced labour and to discrimination at work

which apply those standards."

Mr Flynn will say that social standards are not a threat to competitiveness" but will in the long term strengthen the economic performance of all countries



to international trade agreements being included on the agenda for the Lille conference, angrily attacked the idea of any form of social clause.

Gillian Shephard, the Employment and Education Secretary, rejected a social clause. She told the G7 conference: While we deplore practices that are in any way evil, we should leave these matters to the countries themselves." Linking the EU social chap-

ter from which the United Kingdom has opted-out of a social clause, she said: "It is not acceptable at the European level for practices to be imposed from outside. Equally it is not acceptable at an international level."

Minimum job standards attached to trade agreements would not help developing countries: "We don't want to see countries held back by the imposition of international standards," the minister added.

Britain claims that Canada, Japan and even the United States support the United Kingdom's opposition to a social clause. In his speech to the G7 conference, President Chirac strongly backed a so-cial clause, arguing that there were situations which would be "less and less tolerated" as international competition intensified.

Arguing that people found "more or less disguised" forms of "adult or child slavery" intolerable. President Chirac said: "We should all become aware that liberalisation of trade, development of employment and respect for a number of universal rules cannot be dissociated." If there was to be a greater freedom of trade, "a few basic rules" had to be applied to guarantee people's

Britain made clear its disagreement with the President's message on trade and jobs, although it welcomed his guarded endorsement for more flexible labour market



Carrying the can: Jonathan Fry, the chief executive of Burmah Castrol, right, and Brian Hardy, the finance director, celebrate a 15 per cent rise in full-year profits to £253 million, which was announced yesterday. Story 27, Tempus 28

# **NatWest Markets** warned

By Patricia Tehan BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE Takeover Panel has given a severe warning to Nat-West Markets after analysts published a note recommending Rentokil's hostile £1.8 billion bid for BET, failing to disclose its relationship with Rentokil.

Paul Morland and David Allchurch published re-search last week called No Way Out. They said: "Rentokil's exemplary track record makes it a fearsome opponent and BET appears to have little chance of escaping its clutches. We conclude in this note that Rentokil's initial offer is generous and BET share-holders should not assume it will be raised."

But they did not reveal that NWM is aligned with Rentokil, as underwriter for the bid's debt and equity. The Panel has told NatWest

it must not use that research again and any other must make clear the bank is associated with the Rentokil hid and must be approved by the Panel. Pennington, page 27

# **Cup overflows for Edwards** with United share sale

DIRECTORS of Manchester United, still celebrating their club's FA Cup semi-final success, have raised £7.4 million through share sales. Martin Edwards, chief exec-

utive, is probably ordering his team's champagne after cashing in shares worth £2.1 million. He took advantage of Manchester United's recent stock market success to sell off 785,000 shares, at 270p, which

he has held since the company floated at 80p in 1991. His wife and the family trust also sold a further 850,000 shares at the same price, raising £2.3 mil-

The deal, made ahead of Sunday's FA Cup semi-final triumph, will result in Mr Edwards reducing his beneficial holding in the company from around 25.8 per cent to 23.2 per cent. He was unavail-



Martin Edwards sold 785,000 shares at 270p yesterday

able to comment on the sale

yesterday. But United said that he had sold at the end of

the closed period and that he

had made a commitment not

to make any further sales in

the next six months without

the prior consent of Merrill

Amer AlMidani, a non-

executive director, raised £2

million selling 750,000 shares. He retains a 2.93 per cent

interest. Robin Launders, fi-

nancial director, made a profit

of £1 million after exercising

500,0000 share options at 67.8p. Shares in Manchester

United closed unchanged at a

Cup defeat did not seem to

dampen Chelsea fans enthusi-

asm for shares in Chelsea

Village, the parent company of

Chelsea Football Club. Robin

Ellis and Co, the company's

brokers, described the first

day trading in Chelsea shares

on the Alternative Investment

Market as proceeding "beauti-

fully". The share price closed

up 5p at 60p with around 4

million shares, out of the 9

million available, sold.

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# **Britain** backs US over job security

BY PHILIP BASSETT. INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN yesterday seized on a new idea from America on job security in a clear attempt to fend off Labour attacks over widespread feelings of greater insecurity at work.

America proposed at the G7 jobs summit in Lille that countries should aim for "security of employ-ability" — people's confi-dence of being hired again even if they lose their jobs — in a move that was immediately endorsed by

Tony Blair is pressing the Government on the issue of what Labour claims is extensive job insecurity, and ministers were delighted that they were able to endorse an idea from the Democrat US Government, which has strong links with the Labour leadership, in setting a new target for job security.

Joseph Stizlitz, chairman of Bill Clinton's council of economic advisers, told the meeting that people could no longer be guaranteed security of employment. Instead, he put forward the idea of "sec-

urity of employability".

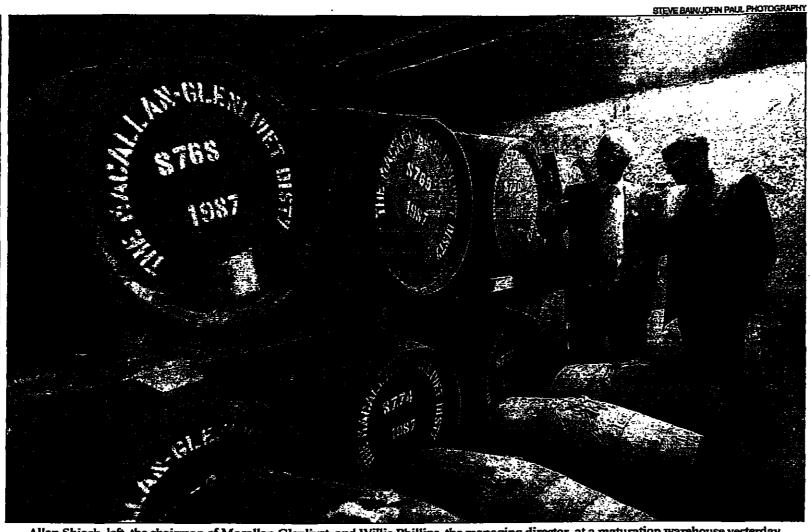
Gillian Shephard, the Employment and Education Secretary, supported the US proposal. While she did not go as far as Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade, in claiming that job insecurity is merely a "state of mind", she said that job insecurity was a perception which was not borne out by labour market statistics which showed that job tenure in Britain is much the same now as a decade

The world economy is in the throes of a major economic upheaval which could bring growth for years to come, thanks to new developments in technology, Jean-Claude Paye, OECD Secretary-General, said in Lille yesterday. But he said that Europe's generous welfare systems would have to change to reduce the ranks of the

unemployed. Several countries, notably France and the United OECD to find out whether there was a case for trade sanctions against countries which exploited workers, for example by using children and prisoners.

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update



Allan Shiach, left, the chairman of Macallan-Glenlivet, and Willie Phillips, the managing director, at a maturation warehouse yesterday

# Bank fights back over fund's \$50m black hole

INVESTIGATORS have uncovered a \$50 million black hole at the heart of an investment fund formerly monitored by Morgan Stanley, the investment bank. The discovery will fuel controversy over the bank's role as administrator and custodian of The Global Opportunity Fund, which collapsed a year ago, prompting investors to sue for "gross

Morgan Stanley denies negligence in certifying valuations which gave the impression that the \$120 million fund was do-

leading US insurance and fin-

ancial services group, is buy-ing US Healthcare in a \$9 bill-

giant in the burgeoning Amer-

The move is part of a

reorientation at Aema away

ican healthcare industry.

ing spectacularly well. Investors were unaware that an investment in Italian telecom warrants had sent values plunging.

Morgan Stanley claims it is the victim of fraud by a third party, who submitted false valuations which were accepted in good faith. However, documents seen by The Times show that the bank had conflicting figures in its books at least 18 months prior to the fund's collapse. In December 1994, the warrants were valued by Morgan Stanley in

Aetna buys US Healthcare

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

growth industry and has for

several months been looking

to expand its already substan-

AETNA Life & Casualty, a targeted healthcare as a

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Luxembourg at \$28.2 million. A separate valuation used by Morgan Stanley in London valued them at only \$13.3

Morgan Stanley says chinese walls would prevent London and Luxembourg from picking up on the discrepancy. The two offices fall under the overall control of Sir David Walker, chairman of Morgan Stanley Group (Europe).

The Global Opportunity Fund was valued by Morgan Stanley at \$76 million shortly

1995. After the collapse, Morgan Stanley seized the shares in the fund, replacing directors with its own employees under Stuart Hendel, chairman.

After selling most of the remaining investments via its broking arm, Morgan Stanley could only find \$25 million of assets in the fund, leaving a black hole of nearly \$50 million. Morgan Stanley then paid \$23 million to itself in respect of loans advanced to investors. A further \$2 million was paid to Morgan Stanley in Luxembourg in escrow, and \$480,000 was set aside as a fighting fund aimed at warding off potential claims.

Investors began legal action against the bank in Luxembourg three months ago, alleging losses of up to \$70 million. Morgan Stanley responded by launching proceedings against the investors at the High Court in London, seeking to recover the balance of an

# Macallan serves up profits increase

By Alasdair Murray

MACALLAN-GLENLIVET, the whisky producer, raised spirits in the troubled drinks sector by reporting a 6 per cent rise in profits to £7

Shares in the company. which specialises in single malt whisky, closed up 10p at 16lp. It said that sales of its Macalian brand had been strong and it was confident of continued advances this year. Overall turnover increased 9 per cent to £18.75 million. The total dividend was raised

A final dividend of 0.985 (0.855) is payable on May 16. Macallan-Glenlivet said that a restructuring of the marketing department should enable the company to continue to develop its brands. It added that it was making substantial investments in stocks and casks in anticipa-

15 per cent to 1.455p.

tion of further growth.
In January, Highland Distilleries, a rival whisky prostake in the company for £47 million. Highland purchased the stake from Remy-Martin, the troubled French drinks company. At the time. Highland said that the stake would improve its brand portfolio while easing debt pressures on Remy-Martin in which it

has a 10 per cent stake.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# BAe to cut 250 jobs at Prestwick plant

BRITISH AEROSPACE is to cut 250 jobs at its Prestwick plant near Ayr. The redundancies will come among the 900 workers at its Jet Stream assembly line where production of the J41 aircraft is being reduced from 30 a year to 20 a year. Some of the job losses are caused by cessation of production of the larger JC61 turbo prop aircraft.

The contraction comes just three months after British Aerospace completed a marketing joint venture in regional aircraft with ATR; the Franco-Italian turbo prop maker. Under the new arrangements, the marketing of the aircraft produced by Jet Stream, and Avro, its sister company, is carried out from France by Aero International Region.

# Dockyard sale

WORKERS were last night braced for the controversial sell-off of the Devonport and Rosyth Royal Dockyards. The Government is today expected to announce that Devonport would retain the multi-billion pound work to refit the Royal Navy's nuclear submarines. The privatisation will place a 51 per cent controlling share of Devonport in the hands of Brown & Root, the American engineering contractor. Labour voiced its deep concerns at the decision to give responsibility for refitting Britain's nuclear deterrent to an overseas company.

# Midland loan offers

MIDLAND BANK joined the mortgage war yesterday by offering a 3 per cent first-year variable-rate discount for firsttime buyers, home movers and remortgagers, and a loyalty bonus for Midland mortgage customers who are moving home. First-time buyers who take a variable-rate mortgage will be given a £750 cash payment in addition to the discount during the first year of the mortgage. The current variable rate for a mortgage between £50,000 and £99,999 is 7.4 per cent APR.

# Standard deposits plan

STANDARD LIFE, Europe's largest mutual life assurance company, is to compete directly with building societies by introducing a deposit account service later this year for policyholders whose contracts are maturing. It will initially operate as a postal investment account although the company is considering a telephone-based operation. Standard Life will market the product and a host bank will carry out the underlying banking. The mutual confirmed it had been in discussions with Bank of Scotland concerning the issue.

# House prices rise

BRITAIN'S biggest mortgage lender will today report a March increase of 1.2 per cent in the Halifax house price index. On an annually adjusted basis, the rate of house price inflation in the UK remains positive, at 1.7 per cent, compared with just 0.2 per cent in February. In spite of the more bullish outlook, the Halifax continues to forecast a rise of 2 per cent for the year, but will review that "if the pattern of recent months is sustained". New house prices remained volatile, with a rise of 1.6 per cent in March, after a 3.3 per cent fall in February.

# Scotia raises £10m

SCOTIA HOLDINGS, the biopharmaceutical group, has raised £10.2 million through a placing of new shares with a prominent US institutional investor. The placing price of 620p is substantially higher than the 380p at which shares were issued in a £33 million open offer last summer. David Horrobin, Scotia's chief executive, said the unnamed US institution had made an unsolicitied approach, and had taken a stake of about 1.5 per cent. Scotia will use the new money to

# P&P to acquire Myriad

P&P, the UK recruitment firm, has agreed to buy Myriad Group, a supplier of contract and permanent information technology personnel, for a maximum sum of £12.5 million. Myriad, which has six offices in Britain, posted an operating profit of £1.82 million. on the strength of sales of £28.97 million, for the year to November 30, 1995. At its last yearend, the company had net assets of £1.2 million and net cash of £54,000. On the stock exchange, the price of P&P shares fell

# Nikkei at four-year high

TOKYO stocks ended at a four-year high yesterday, helped by the dollar's rise to the 107-yen level and expectations that fresh money would enter the market in the new fiscal year. The Nikkei average closed up 153.54 points, at 21.500.39, while the June futures contract advanced 180 points to 21,650. The Nikkei's close was its highest since 21,819.52, on February 10, 1992. Masanobu Kaizu, strategist at Nomura Research Institute, said the Nikkei might aim at 23,000 in its current rally, the third since the average hit an intra-day low of 14,295,90 on July 3, 1995.

# Lower gas bills likely

CONSUMERS are likely to benefit from price cuts of about 15 per cent soon after the liberalisation of the domestic gas market but the low prices will not last according to MarketLine International, the market research company. Domestic gas bill reductions will not be sustainable in the long term, with gas bills rising after three to four years. As the surplus of gas is reduced by the UK interconnector — a pipeline siphoning gas to the Continent — prices will increase, because high European prices will push up UK prices.

# Correction

MARKS & SPENCER is investigating opportunities offered by the retail market in Australia as part of a long-term strategy to evaluate new markets but the company's immediate development focus is in continental Europe and the Far East (March 27).

### from general insurance and is subject to the successful sale of country of medical services. Travelers Group — an insur-Healthcare companies, which ance subsidiary — for \$4 billion have emerged as a dominant which is likely to go through in force on the US medical scene the next few days. Aetna has over the past few years, conwhole of Aetna's operations.

With US Healthcare it will provide services to 23 million people — one in every 12 Americans - making it one of the largest providers in the centrate on cutting the cost of medical care in order to keep a lid on soaring medical insur-

ation for being one of the bestmanaged companies in its field, with a higher profit margin than almost any of its competitors. Last year, it made \$380 million profit on revenues of \$3.6 billion compared with a \$474 million profit on revenues of \$13 billion for the

David Lee, of Lee & Allen, the firm leading the investigation, said: "From what I have seen so far, if anyone had known the true position of the fund, they would never have put any money into it." Morgan Stanley said claims were without merit and would be "vigorously" contested.

# in Apricot boosts jobs

BY MARTIN BARROW

JAPAN'S Mitsubishi Electric

Mitsubishi plans to increase created at the company's R&D centre in Birmingham Apricot is the 12th biggest

accounting for about 3 per cent of market share. Around 60 per cent of the company's sales are in Britain, the majority to business users.

worldwide production 400 per cent by the year 2000 to a million computers a year.

# Kleinwort gives Dresdner a lift

By PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

The bank also said it was "confident" for the current year and expected earnings to match last year's levels achieved.

rate business strategy. In own account trading, the bank expects an "appropriate"

boosted by improved earnings in bond trading.
Income from forex and pre-

cious metal trading was "clearly higher", while derivatives trading income remained steady at a high level, the group said.

ed DM164.5 million to the bank's own-account trading result of DM592.5 million. while forex and precious metals accounted for DM110.2

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Dividend forecast

BET is subject to a bid from Rentokil. Sir Christopher Harding, Chairman of BET, can be heard on the above freephone number with an updated message for shareholders.

# Investment

Corporation is to invest £131 million in Apricot Computers, its British subsidiary, creating more than 400 jobs in the UK and 300 in mainland Europe.

output of personal computers at Apricot's Glenrothes facility near Edinburgh to about 500,000 units each year, dou-bling the workforce there to 600. Another 100 jobs will be

seller of computers in the UK, Mitsubishi plans to increase

DRESDNER BANK said yes-terday that the £1 billion acquisition of Kleinwort Benson last year would have a positive effect on net commission income in 1996 and had made a major contribution to a 1.7 per cent rise in group net commission income last year.

Kleinwort had made a good start to 1996, according Juergen Sarrazin, Dresdner chief executive, as he unveiled the bank's 1995 results. Without the contribution from Kleinwort in the last quarter of 1995, net commission income would have been down.

Dresdner's operating prof-its were up 22 per cent at DM1.99 billion, and net profits were DM1.2 billion, com-pared with the DM1 billion made in 1994.

It also expected improved earning after reorganising its retail banking strategy and further optimising its corpo-

contribution to earnings. In 1995, trading income was

Securities trading contribut-

# Liquidity shortage in gas market

A SUDDEN spike in the price of gas has exposed a severe shortage of liquidity in the new gas market set up to deal with free

The flexibility market, which is operated by TransCo, the British Gas subsidiary, and was set up to ensure sufficient gas remained in the system, almost came to grief in March when Transco was unable to secure sufficient supplies from shippers.

The liquidity crisis forced the pipeline operator to buy gas from British Gas Trading, a subsidiary, at vastly inflated prices, 148p per therm compared with average spot prices of 10p per therm.

The cost of the exercise has exceeded the

£10 million budget agreed by the parties to

the Network Code. A crisis meeting was

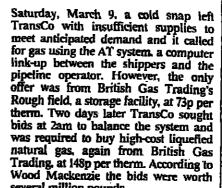
convened at the request of Ofgas, whose

director general is Clare Spottiswoode, to

discuss the market's illiquidity and accu-

Spottiswoode: meeting

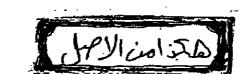
sations by certain parties of gaming. According to Wood Mackenzie, the oil consultants, the problem emerged because gas shippers were unprepared. "The shippers were not geared up to cope with the new flexibility market. You need 24 hour cover, seven days a week." On



several million pounds. At the March meeting, BG Trading agreed to retrospectively cap its gains from the sales to the flexibility market at a price of 35p per therm. A spokesman from BGT said "The market was in danger of being suspended."

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☐ Technical hitch could mar British Energy debut ☐ Is Rentokil's first step far enough? ☐ The cost of Gummer's wet proposals

☐ ONE problem solved, and another rears its head for the snake-oil salesmen charged by the Government with packaging the two big privatisations and selling them to the public this year. Railtrack has a form of words from the Labour Party that will allow it to be sold, and British Energy, the nuclear generator, has forced a climbdown over the debt to be included in

Now comes concern about the words that may have to be included in the prospectus for the latter on the fascinating but deeply technical matter of onload refuelling at its advanced gas cooled reactors (AGRs). This, put simply, involves refuelling the plant while it is still running.

the sale.

The process has worked without a hitch so far, and continues to work at two AGRs, at Hunterston and Hinckley. But an incident at Heysham 2 reactor has forced the practice to be abandoned both there and at the twin Torness plant in Scotland. It must be emphasised, before

most of the inhabitants of the surrounding countryside plan extended holidays, that the problem has no implications for safety. The Nuclear Installations inspectorate, the government watchdog on these matters, has no concerns. But if the technical hitch, the jamming of one fuel rod during insertion at Hey-

# Fall-out from nuclear flotation

sham, cannot be resolved over the next six weeks or so - and insiders at British Energy reckon the odds about 50/50 - mention will have to be included in the prospectus of the difficulties.

The implications of this are twofold. First, the City generally claims to be deeply nervous about the nuclear flotation, and any technical hitches that are only dimly understood will only increase those nerves, so forcing the price down. Second, the flotation is being sold on the back of some research from BZW, the Government's financial adviser, which has already been called into question by sources at the company itself as being too optimistic - and that research assumes on-load fuelling at all British Nuclear's AGRs.

There are two things that can go wrong at British Nuclear, safety considerations excepting. The company is heavily dependent on the price of electricity in the "pool" or free market. Most forecasts, and many contracts currently being signed, suggest that price in the medium term is in slow decline. The cost at which British Energy can generate,

currently comfortably below the pool price, will have to fall in parallel to maintain current levels of profitability.

The second factor is the level of capacity at which the stations operate, the average plant load factor. Running at just short of 70 per cent in the last financial year, this is forecast to rise to well above 80 per cent by BZW, but this on the back of that assumption about on-load fuelling. This last is expected to add five percentage points to plant load. the research says. Again according to BZW, each 1 per cent reduction would take £140 million off British Energy's value.

### **BET-ting enough** will be enough

THE STYLISED little pavane that is a City takeover requires that the bidder's first step is never its last, because the market expects the first offer to be pitched too low.

It comes about occasionally, perhaps through an especially inept defence or some unexpected problems flushed out at

# **PENNINGTON**



the target company, that this first step is enough. The £1.9 billion bid from Rentokil for BET may be one such case, after a deeply underwhelming last throw of the dice from BET and despite the curious row that has blown up over NatWest's research.
The dividend forecast that is

supposed to save BET failed to move the shares much vesterday. According to the market, therefore, the game should be over and BET dead in the water, the value of Rentokil's first terms now standing just a couple of pence below the share price.

The dividend forecast was unimpressive because it was not greatly out of kilter with what the market had been expecting as BET's response to the bid. It also

covers a period, the financial year just begun, that started on the day that the prediction was made, which smacks of desperation. When that dividend comes to be confirmed, should BET stay independent, rather more than a year's trading will have ensued, and it is hard to see what firm assumptions can be made at this

Clive Thompson, Rentokil's chief executive, has pitched the bid terms carefully, which is as well for him. His company's explosive growth in recent years has required a series of cheap acquisitions that have fed immediately into profits via enhanced margins. The chances must be growing that BET will provide another, if the bid is kept at this level. He certainly cannot

stage about such trading.

As to NatWest's role, the research complained of should certainly have contained some indication of the large sum the broker can expect to earn from the bid, which is a good working definition of an aligned party. The trouble is, and this has been a feature of many huge share issues, the jam is spread so

be seen to overpay.

widely around these days that the supply of non-aligned parties to provide impartial advice is strictly limited.

# Mild flooding, little damage

☐ THE few pence off water company shares by the close of play yesterday, in response to what looks like a last desperate fling to gain a few votes out of the whole utilities mess, looks like the normal reaction by the stock market to any unexpected turn of events. There is little in the proposals to send investors run

ning for cover.
Consider the uncertainties.
The market largely expects Labour to win the next election, in which case the proposals are an irrelevance. If Labour wins, tougher regulation for all utilities, water including, should

already be built into share prices. The proposals are limited to large users, but a rolling programme of competition to be introduced gradually throughout the market, right down to the domestic user, is promised.

Much the same is already under way in the gas and electricity industries, the former dogged with delays and the latter prob-

ably doomed to suffer the same. Now consider just one of the inconsistencies. If a company loses customers and as a result profits, can it cut back on the necessary capital spending, so requiring its remaining consumers to suffer in terms of water quality and availability? Or should the regulator's "K" factors that govern prices be adjusted, so again penalising customers by larger bills?

The main effect of these proposals will be on possible takeovers in the sector, and even this will be limited. If more competition means profits will be less predictable, this only raises the importance of the cost savings available from mergers.

### Another one behind

IT IS all very well switching from secure employment for all to a reliance that if one unsafe job folds there will be another along in a minute, which is the Government line at the G7 summit. But jobs are not like buses; what works in America, an economy capable of generating as many as 700,000 new vacancies a month, may not work in these small isles, where jobs and buses are rather less frequent.

# **Burmah Castrol profits** driven by Asian advance

By Carl Mortished

11.25p. The foreign income dividend is 14p, while the total EMERGING markets in Asia are driving profits forward at Burmah Castrol, the Iubricants and chemicals group. cent to 36.25p. but the company sees weak Burmah continues to invest demand from consumers in

Europe and North America. Burmah, which owns Castrol GTX, scored a 20 per cent gain in volumes across Asia, helping to raise profits in its lubricants division by 13 per cent, to £204 million, while recovery in chemicals boosted profits by 28 per cent to £62 million. At the pre-tax level, profits grew 15 per cent, to £253 million, and Burmah is paying a final dividend of

cash dividend rises 11.5 per

heavily in developing its brand, spending £90 million on promoting Castrol last year. A regional headquarters has been established in Hong Kong to drive growth in a region that contributed more than a third of the profits from lubricants.

Jonathan Fry, chief executive, said the company is targeting 10 to 15 per cent of the market in China, where it is investing in a lubricants

blending plant. "Volumes in Asia should overtake Europe in 1997," he predicted.

Castrol priots grew 17 per cent in Europe despite flat volumes and weak consumer demand. Mr Fry said that gains came from strong industrial markets and trading up by consumers from standard to synthetic lubricants, which are sold at higher margins. Trading up had contributed a quarter of the lubricants profit gain, he said.

Mr Fry was dismissive of the threat to its market position in Europe from the BP/Mobil joint venture in

fuels and lubricants, suggesting it would be "a difficult thing to execute".

Profits from lubricants in the United States were up 9 per cent to £74 million due to growth in the industrial market. Castrol suffered a £9 million loss in Brazil. Burmah's chemicals business suffered a slowdown in the second half.

Gearing fell to 20 per cent at the year-end and is expected to fall further after receipt of £180 million from the sale of Burmah's fuels businesses.

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# **Ashanti** to buy for £65m

By PAUL DURMAN

ASHANTI Goldfields, the Ghanaian company in which Lonrho owns a large stake, has provisionally agreed a £65 million deal that will extend its gold interests in Ghana.

Ashanti is planning to acquire International Gold Resources Corporation. a Canadian company that has a 45 per cent stake in the proposed Bibiani mine in Ghana. Bibiani is only an hour or so away from Obuasi, the rich Ashanti mine that last year produced more than 900,000 ounces of gold.

# for Ulster TV investors

BY PAUL DURMAN

lated net cash of £20.5 million

Special payout bonanza

ULSTER Television is returning £10.5 million to its share-holders through the payment of a special dividend.

Desmond Smyth, the regional broadcaster's managing director, said the payment follows Ulster's decision last year not to apply for the cable television licence for Northern Ireland.

He said that this had made the company's future investment requirements much clearer. Although Ulster is backing TV3, the proposed new channel for the Irish Republic, it is confident it can fund this project from existing resources.

The company had accumu-

by the end of last year. The El a share special dividend will be paid on July 1. The consequent reduction in investment income and the expectation of increased competition in the television industry has prompted Ulster to 1380p. hold its final dividend at 12.5p

a share. This makes a total of 22.5p, up from 20p last year. Ulster was reporting pre-tax profits for 1995 of £8.2 million, up from £7.5 million last year. its revenues rose from £31.4 million to £34.2 million, while

operating costs climbed by £2.2 million to £27.8 million. Ulster TV, which claims the highest audience share of any UK broadcaster, is regarded as an attractive takeover prospect in the light of the proposed relaxation of the media ownership rules. Its share price has more than doubled over the last year, yesterday rising by a further 85p to

Mr Smyth insisted: "Our independence is a very important element of our regional identity. Increased size does not necessarily mean more competitive.

The important thing is the ability to compete with the new channels, particularly

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# Equities climb back above 3,700 level

STRONG opening gains by government securities proved ust the tonic the equity market needed as it climbed back above the 3,700 level.

The gilt market was sparked into action by a drop in the purchasing managers' index during March, providing further evidence of a slowdown in the economy. and an encouraging set of

money supply figures.
The FT-SE 100 index also received a boost from a positive start to trading on Wall Street after the weekend break. It eventually closed just below its best of the day with a rise of 18.7 points at 3.718.4. But trading conditions remained thin and this was reflected in low turnover that saw only 661 million shares traded by the close.

Genuine retail demand is expected to remain thin this week as the tax year draws to a close, but brokers are hoping that the latest wave of bid speculation may help to provide a few bright spots.

On the Alternative Investment Market, there was scope for consolation among Chelsea fans after their team was dumped out of the FA Cup on Sunday by Manchester United. Shares of Chelsea Village scored a modest premium in first-time trading after five million were placed by Ellis & Partners, the broker at 55p. They started life at 56p before ending the day at 60p. a premium of 5p.

Just before the start of trading the group, headed by Ken Bates and Matthew Harding, was forced to issue a statement denying rumours that the company's broker had been approached by Nigel Wray, founder the Fleet Street Newsletter, to buy all 5 million shares. Manchester United. which is also still in with a chance of the Premier title. took its victory over Chelsea in its stride, closing all-square at

There was further support for the merger candidates, BT. up 13p at 38212p, and Cable and Wireless, op better at 538p, although both shares may come under selling pressure this morning following a statement by the Government alter the official close of business. In it Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, made it clear the Government had not given any approval in principle for the merger to proceed. Should it be proposed, then the competition authorities in



Britain, Europe and other

parts of the world would have to consider the move.

Both sides are thought to be close to agreeing terms of the £35 billion deal after intensive talks. Weekend reports claim that Deutsche Telecom, Europe's biggest telecomms company, is interested in buying C&W's Mercury arm, which includes One-2-One. By the

issue was more than ten times oversubscribed.

At the same time, Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, has issued 30 million American-styled covered warrants on Orange. The warrants will be struck at-the-money and expire on September 27, 1997. Simon Mead, of Laing, says that the issue is aimed at increasing liquidity in Or-

Astec (BSR), the Hong Kong-based electronic components group, firmed a further 12p to a high of 1302p. News that the bosses of Emerson Electric are in town has fuelled talk that a bid may be on the way at last. Emerson owns almost 50 per cent of Astec, which is sitting on up to £40 million of cash.

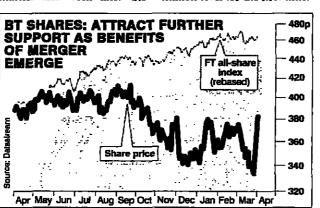
close, a total of 26 million BT shares and 14 million C&W shares.had changed hands.

Orange, the mobile phone operator, firmed 4p to 22512 p on the grey market before the start of official trading later this morning that will see private investors begin dealing in the shares for the first time. Dealings began for institutional investors on the grey market last week after the

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ange. Some people did not get enough of an allocation. As a result, they may be forced to go back into the market. This is a way of limiting the price they pay for their shares. It's particularly aimed at the tracker funds.", he said.

Vodafone rose 6½ p to 249p after it emerged the number of subscribers throughout the world had breached the three million level for the first time.



### The number of subscribers in Britain has risen to 2.45 million, an increase of 35 per cent in the financial year. The odds were beginning to

tip in favour of the £1.8 billion offer by Rentokil for BET proving successful BET yesterday had its last throw of dice as it forecast a 21 per cent increase in the dividend for the current year to not less than 6.15p. The group has already promised to increase the dividend for the year just ended by 28 per cent.

The BET share price responded with a rise of just Ip to 204p. Rentokil, also up 1p at 363p, is now expected to come back with a higher offer to win the day. City speculators say that an increased offer of around 2!5p a share should be enough to swing it Rentokil's

way.
The water shares suffered small losses on the day, reflecting the Government's measures designed to increase competition. Southern 9p to 741p and United Utilities 9p to

Better than expected trading news and confident comments about current trading lifted Macallan-Glenlivet, the whisky producer. 10p to 161p.

Full-year figures at the top end of the range from Burmah Castrol were rewarded with a rise of 10p to ☐ GILT-EDGED: The bears

were on the run again as prices were squeezed higher in thin trading. But genuine retail demand proved thin, with investors still reluctant to open fresh positions before publication of the US non-farm payroll numbers. These are due out on Good

Friday when the London market is closed. When they were published last month, they prompted a 177-point fall in the Dow Jones industrial

In the futures pit, the June series of the Long Gilt finished E916 better at £105932 as the total number of contracts completed reached 34,000. Among conventional issues.

Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was 516 better at £102332, while at the longer end. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose £58 to £961516. □ NEW YORK: Wall Street shares were higher in early trading as mergers dominated the first trading session of the new quarter. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 17.70 points at 5,604.84.

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# TEMPUS

# Burmah's greasepaint

BURMAH Castrol's dismissive reaction to the development of retailing alliances by oil majors such as BP and Mobil sounds bumptious, but it is probably right to be confident. Brands are difficult to build but easy to destroy as oil companies have found to their cost with the disappearance of brand loyalty in the petrol market. In the short term, the upheaval caused by the phasing out of BP's lubricants, to be replaced by Mobil's products, can only be to the benefit of competitors showing one face to the public. In Europe, and unless BP and Mobil move like greased lighming, the short-term winners will

be the Shell and Castrol lubricant brands. Marketing success is generating good volume growth for Burmah. In Asia. new consumers are being converted to western brands but in Europe the job is more difficult.

While more cars are on the roads, lubricant volumes are falling because new engines need less oil and Castrol's solution is to persuade consumers that their hi-tech car needs a more sophisticated (and expensive) synthetic lubricant. In Europe, that is working but it is an open question whether the American consumer will take the batt.

Better chemical margins and Asian growth should allow Castrol to expand its earnings by 8 per cent this year, justifying a market average rating but investors should not expect a bumper payout. Castrol does not have huge investment projects, leaving depreciation modest and little scope for swings in cash flow. However it needs to spend large sums every year reinforcing its brand and winning new customers and that leaves no room for windfalls.

### **Ulster TV**

ULSTER Television made a bid for its shareholders' loyalty yesterday, offering them El a share as a special dividend. Ulster's excuse that it no longer needs the money — is an unusual position to adopt in the fastchanging media world.

It is hard to escape the conclusion that Ulster's concern is less on rewarding shareholders than keeping the cash from falling into the pockets of a potential bidder, such as MAI or Granada. By any measure. Ulster has done a terrific job for its shareholders. Over the last five years, its share price has risen seven fold.

The company has secured a strong position both north and south of the Irish border. And it is making the right moves by investing in TV3. the Republic's pro-

posed third channel. The return to violence has diminished earlier hopes of a significant share in the peace dividend. But longer term. there are still good grounds to believe that Northern Ireland could produce rapid economic growth and buoy-

The fact remains that UIster is a small company in a

stronger than those of LWT and Central. After the run Ulster has enjoyed over the last year. it is hard to recommend its shares as a buy. But existing shareholders should hang on for the ride.

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# IRELAND BECKONS 1994 1993

### Insurance

NEW accounting rules should have made it easier to scrutinise life companies profits, but the first set of annual results under the new system have made comparisons impossible. Companies e the more difficult it is to identify improvement in the underlying

London & Manchester is a case in point. Yesterday's year-end figures showed pretax profits of £57.1 million compared with a loss of £14 million in 1994. The balance sheet omitted a figure for "clean" pre-tax profit (without investment gains) for 1995, although L&M's own estimate is £44.1 million. compared with £38.9 million

DOLLAR RATES

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in 1994. The figures are further obscured by the transfer of so-called Turphan assets" from the long-term life and pensions funds,

which help to swell profits. The only universal measure therefore is the dividend. On this basis, L&M's performance is average for the sector: its dividend increased by 9 per cent for 1995, on a parwith the Prudential, above Commercial Union's 7 per cent, and below Legal & General's 12.4 per cent. That leaves L&M's looking expensive. Its share price is a 40 per cent premium to net asset value, on some estimates, but the rating gives L&M scope to

of free competition trials in the main worry was the Network Code, the complex set of rules backed up by computer data

use its paper for acquisitions.

who sold how much gas to whom in the brave new world of free gas pricing.

Last month, predictably. the market almost fell apart. This was not because the computer failed or because of any fault by Transco, the pipeline operator. It failed because the shippers, those eager enthusiasts so keen to sell gas and take business away from the monopoly giant, were asleep when demand piked and the price soared from 10p per therm to 150p per therm.

The flexibility market is a bit like the electricity pool and in the winter months demand can be expected to spike on occasion due to sudden shortages or cold weather.

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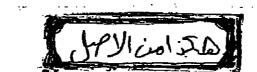
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ENTREPRENEUR Peter de Savary is adding to his grand collection of multimillion pound properties before he floats the latest project, the Carnegie Club, on the stock market next year. The former owner of Land's End and John O'Groats is about to sign up, for Carnegie, a £5 million property in the heart of the English countryside and another in the Caribbean. He also has his eye on an exclusive pad on the East Coast of America. This time last year, de Savary opened the exclusive Carnegie Club at Skibo Castle in Scotland. and will open the London outpost of the Carnegie Club at the end of this month. Annual membership of the Carnegie Club costs £2,000 a year. De Savary booms: "We've had a lot of interest from members. But we don't know where we'll float it."



De Savary: float plans

BOSSY Sir Christophei Bland was busy by 6.30 am yesterday, his first day as chairman at the BBC. Standing on the gallery at sometime TV regulator, had his stern eye fixed on the April foolery going on at Radio Five Live's breakfast programme.

# Oiling wheels

BURMAH CASTROL takes emerging markets so seriously that it spent more than El million flying 150 top managers to Peking to provide an appropriate backdrop for its annual conference. They spent five days at the China World Hotel and raced one another aboard dragon boats. One manager was sent home after a heart attack. Jonathan Fry, chief executive, said: "If you are committed to growth markets, you don't have your conference in Zurich."

# Splashing out

CLIVEDEN is taking no risks for its stock market flotation today. The com-pany has invited an expert in such watery matters, swimming instructor Pierre Gruneberg, to give lessons at its luxury hotel in Berkshire. The 64-yearold Adonis, who taught Charlie Chaplin the breast stroke and persuaded Shirley Bassey to get her hair wet, will be teaching at the hotel where Christine Keeler paddled with John Profumo. Gruneberg, who encourages his pupils to put their head in a salad bowl of water, is donating his fees to the National Trust.

# Purple daze

BODY SHOP is apologising to its environmentally friendly customers who turned purple after spending hours fiddling with a prize-winning puzzle to celebrate its birthday. Due to an error in its make-up, the wordsearch is impossible to complete.

BMW launched a new product yesterday. Calls flooded in on April Fool's Day to find out more about its insect deflector screen that enables cars to drive through swarms of insects at up to 95 mph unscathed. "Insects colliding with the windscreen simply bounce off, leaving the surface unmarked."

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# Pensions provision when marriage turns to divorce

Hardship caused by legal delays when couples split must be reduced,

**Robert Miller says** 

arriage is an expensive business, but divorce can be even more so. Legal lees traditionally make up the bulk of the costs for both sides. But the tide may be turning against those advisers who have hitherto regarded such matrimonial work as simply bread and butter fee income. Lawyers are under greater pressure than ever before to prove their mettle and secure better financial settlements for women, including access to their husband's future pension rights. Unfortunately, none of the parties involved, from divorcing couples, judges and lawyers to pension fund administrators, expects much practical enlightenment to come from the Family Law Bill that was due to be debated in the Commons today but instead will be delayed until after the Easter recess.

in the meantime, those about to embark on divorce proceedings, and particularly women, are receiving conflicting advice. On the one hand, Fairshares, the campaign group led by Dawn Barnett and Sallie Quinn, advises waiting until July. Any new petition presented after then will come under the new regulations laid down in the Pensions Act 1995. These allow judges to formally "earmark" future pension rights for a woman out of her husband's pension, but only after he retires. Should he die before retirement then the wife may lose her rights to any payouts, although courts will have the necessary powers to make a ruling on death-in-service benefits and lump sums payable to the scheme member.

Penny Webster, a partner of Bacon & Woodrow, the firm of consulting actuaries, argues that a skilful lawyer might usefully secure a "clean break" settlement, even now, by negotiating, where applicable, for a husband to give his wife the house, with the mortgage fully paid up, and keep his pension intact. Under the old rule of thumb. husbands very often signed over just half a share in the house and kept all their pension entitlements.

The debate on pension rights for women in divorce cases has a long and troubled history. For many years there has been a growing recognition that husbands may quite rightly be charged with paying maintenance for their er while she has charge of the children. But what about later on? An increasing number of divorced women are facing an old age with little income outside of what the State may provide while the former husbands can often be found enjoying the fruits of an index-linked pension as well as those of their

Fighting ferociously in one corner is Baroness Hollis of Heigham, Labour's Social Security spokeswoman in the Lords, who this year tabled a successful amendment to the Family Law Bill requiring that pensions be divided upon divorce. Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, has made clear the Government's opposition to pension-splitting and the De-partment of Social Security produced figures showing that the immediate introduction of such a measure could cost as much as £600 million, compared with £200 million, by the year 2037. Nevertheless, the Government has now signalled an end to its opposition to the concept of "clean break" pension splits but has called for a



Sallie Quinn says the Government must give a date for pensions splitting

Green Paper to be presented to Parliament by the summer.

Campaigners such as Fairshares believe that after such a long discussion period not enough has been done to protect divorced women and their rights to a financially secure future. Ms Quinn says: The Government has reneged on its promise to introduce 'earmarking' from April 6, delaying it instead to petitions started after July. What we don't want is a repeat of these delaying tactics used in the Family Law Bill. The Government must give an up-front commencement date for pensions splitting and this time stick to it. Logically, that date should be when the Bill gets Royal Assent and becomes a statute." In Parliament last week, Roger

Freeman, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, defended the Government's stand. He told MPs: "In last year's Pensions Act, we clarified the court's existing duty to take pensions into account in financial settlements, which had not always been recognised in practice. The courts already have the power to order maintenance payments



Opposing views: Roger Freeman, left, and Baroness Hollis of Heigham

to the ex-spouse, payable from the former partners income including pensions. But the Pensions Act extended that power to allow the courts to order a pension scheme to pay the relevant sum from the scheme member's pension, including any lump sums payable, directly to the ex-spouse, when the pension comes into payment."

He added: "I might take the opportunity to clear up any confusion on this matter - the courts will not be constrained to order a 50/50 allocation, they will have the flexibility to order whatever allocation or none as seems appropriate. These provisions will take effect from July this year." The minister also outlined the "technical complexities" of pension splitting, such as the effect it would have on occupational pension schemes by adding extra layers of responsibility on the scheme's trustees and managers. He said that the implications on public spending had to be considered and the position of state earnings related pension schemes and the interaction with guaranteed minimum pensions must also be safeguarded. Finally, Mr Freeman said that on a practical level "we have identified some 30 Acts of Parliament which may need changing".

ne of the bodies most closely concerned with pensions and divorce reform seems less troubled than does the Government. The National Association of Pension Funds, whose members look after £350 billion of pension assets, says it sees no problem with a "clean break" settlement on divorce. However, the association insists that the costs of working out what should be separated out and passed on to a wife who can then set up her own personal pension are borne by the couple concerned and not the pension scheme.

In terms of implications on legal costs to the couple involved in the divorce. Bill Birmingham, the NAPF's manager of benefits services, argues that these should not be greatly increased. He says that in maybe 90 per cent of cases of the 160,000 divorce cases in England and Wales a financial agreement can be worked out between the parties involved before coming to court, in which case the judge would simply rubber stamp the deal.

Ron Spill, pensions expert at Legal & General, says: "The most unfortunate aspect to the proposed reforms is that we in the industry are saddled with an unnecessarily complex system for two years. What is really needed now is a concerted effort to make clean break pensions available as an option as soon as possible."

A Pensions in Divorce Report to be published today will highlight the difficult road ahead in achieving a fair deal for divorced women. Dennis Williams, managing director of Seymour Smith, which commissioned the report and represents lawyers, pensions experts and actuaries, says: Many people are quite rightly confused about the complex implications of the pensions-splitting issue ... Following last week's second reading of the Family Law Bill and the speculation that spouses will have to wait until 1998 to be able to split their ex-partner's pension, we have grave concerns about the effect such a deal would have on individual's facing divorce over the next couple of years.

More tellingly, Mr Williams concludes: "The longer the delay becomes, the higher the probability that assets can be dissipated. There is also the added problem of uncertainty and stress that such a delay will inevitably

With so much evidence available from a wide and diverse body of opinion as to the hardship caused by legislative delays there must surely be a moral obligation on the Government to sort this mess put. And to do it soon.



# Beefing up the UK's organic farming sector

the farming industry ought to force themselves to observe a twominute silence before they start crowing about the weekend rush to buy half-price beef. Of course, there are a lot of price-conscious pragmatists quite properly exercising their choice to take a risk. But there are many others who won't take the risk and are switching to other meats or vegetables. There are others who don't believe beef is much of a risk, but find intensive farming methods inherently distasteful and are

going organic.
Forcing cows to turn cannibal because they get fatter faster and more cheaply is anathema to many. Media coverage of the beef scare has educated and shocked thousands. It is a sign that there may be a permanent change in attitude that it is not just organic beef that has seen an explosion of demand.

Peter Segger, of Organic Farm Foods, the largest supplier of organic fruit and vegetables to supermarket chains, has seen demand rise permanent switch

wards ganic products and can we rely on Government to take a lead? Need one ask? Only 0.3 per cent

of Britain's

land is farmed organically. By the end of the century, the Government aims to increase that to a whopping . . . I per cent. This is, after all, the Government that told us to eat anything we liked after Chernobyl and that Gulf War syndrome doesn't exist even as soldiers' babies are born deformed. The Government may well

argue that if consumers want organic products farmers will have the incentive to switch. But this free market argument is disingenuous because the Government rigs the market so heavily in favour of intensive farming. The Agriculture Ministry paid nearly £1 billion in subsidies to conventional farmers last year in England alone, much of it biased towards intensive farming. In comparison, it paid less than £200,000 to organic farmers in the whole of the British Isles, according to the Soil Association

But it needn't be this way. Germany. for example. awards a bonus to farms that keep fewer animals per field and do not use mineral nitrogenous fertilizer. Germany has such strict rules relating to pesticide residues in baby food that Hipp, an organic company, has more than half of the German baby food market. Britain asks scientists (specious public posturing, a cynic would say) whether beef is more dangerous to children than adults, takes no for an answer, and says it won't do anything to restore consumer confidence.

But if the Government is properly interested in the health of the nation we are entitled to ask why it shouldn't switch subsidies from intensive to organic farmers or enforce stricter regulations. Isn't it absurd that labelling of animal feed is apparently so inadequate that farmers have been claiming that they didn't know that it contained bits of cattle? Or that farmers didn't think to ask?

The challenge of switching from intensive to organic farming is perfect for the Government's 40 per cent in a week. Is there Labour's) current yen for now an opportunity for a public/private partnerships. Switching to

> organic In Britain, organic farming is not difficult food is regarded many as a niche product. cases but does take But that is only time: an absolute minibecause there isn't mum of two years. The enough of it private sec-

tor and the Government can help during this transition. There is no shortage of imaginative schemes on the Continent. In Denmark, 20 per cent of all milk consumed is organic. but the proportion would be a lot higher if there were more organic farms. The demand is there. So the large dairies, backed by the Government, are helping farms in the transition to organic farming by buying semiorganic milk, selling it as conventional milk but pay-

ing organic prices. In Britain, organic food has long been regarded as a niche market for the fussy and affluent middle classes. Actually, it is a niche product only because there isn't enough of it. If there were more organic farms, the produce would be better marketed, more people would choose to eat it and prices would fall.

Health aside, if the Government believes in consumer choice, it should act to develop a substantial organic farming sector.

# BUSINESS LETTERS

# Distortions and the measuring of inflation

From Mr Adrian Cosker Sir. The biggest obstacle to the correction of the chronic deficiency of demand from which the British economy has suffered ever since we joined the exchange-rate mechanism is currently the Government's 2.5 per cent inflation target. Since it would be impossible publicly to relax the target without an adverse reaction from the Bank of England and the bond markets, the only solution would appear to be a reformulation of the way in which inflation is measured. There is an excellent case

for this: at the moment, price increases such as higher council taxes, increases in prescription charges, higher water rates in response to

From V. Ray Harlow

demands.

Sir, Undue emphasis has been

made by Mr Giordano that

British Gas's take or pay

contracts are "a legacy of the

monopoly era", when BG was

legally obligated to purchase

supplies to match the nation's

He cannot deny that BG's

monopoly had been broken

when he became chairman in

1993. Large in-roads had al-

ready been made into BG's

share of the industrial market

by that time. If pressed, he

would also have to concede that

BG was still purchasing life of

field take or pay contracts right

tougher European Union regulations, and the higher prices for cars, computers etc because of new improved features, are all counted as inflation. They are, of course, no such

thing - they represent, respec-

tively, a reorganisation of the tax burden, or a perfectly proper payment demanded for a higher quality product. With these distortions artifically boosting the measured inflation rate, it is, of course, necessary to keep the rest of the economy on an excessively tight rein by way of compensation, hence the

chronic demand deficiency and its accompanying unemployment. By discreetly adjusting the

up until the first quarter of

Furthermore, BG's call for

an inquiry by the Monopolies

and Mergers Commission has

a touch of irony, for the only

monopoly to have been emas-

culated in this affair was BG

and not the oil companies in

the North Sea that had to

compete with each other to

secure supply agreements with BG. While an MMC

1994, long after the company's

monopoly had been lifted.

Forum proposed on British Gas's take or pay contracts

distortions could be eliminated. inflation would measure what it should be measuring - the changes in the true cost of making things - and the improved figures should make it possible to expand demand and put to the test the impact of supply-side improvements on the natural rate of unemployment and on the productive capacity of the economy,

in the kind of way that Janet

Bush argued for in her article (March 7). Yours faithfully, ADRIAN COSKER (Head of Economics). The Knights Templar School. Park Street, Hertfordshire.

inquiry is unlikely to happen.

some type of forum surely

needs to be established so that

misleading and inaccurate

statements about the whole

situation can be removed from

the decision-making process.

(Chairman/Managing

Yours sincerely.

Sun Oil Britain,

23 Sheen Road.

Richmond, Surrey.

Director)

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The Times can be sent by fax on 0171-782 5112

V. RAY HARLOW

### way inflation is measured, the names who paid From Mr T. R. Bruce Sir, I want to amplify your

headline "Responses to Lloyd's R&R offer to names" (March 14). We are monitor-ing the attitudes of our names on this subject.

Lloyd's unfair to

Your readers may be interested to know that we have had contact with a significant proportion of the names for whom we act as members'

Of these, 79.25 per cent intend to accept R&R [the reconstruction and renewal plan) on the basis of the indicative information they have received. This includes names who have resigned where three out of four are in favour. The "don't knows" account for 12.5 per cent with the definite "no's" running at 8 per cent currently.

Perhaps I should add that there is a perceptible undercurrent that the names who have continued to trade forward and paid their losses silently and honourably have not been fairly treated in the apportionment of available funds. This is an aspect Lloyd's may need to consider should it be successful in increasing the £2.8 billion. Yours faithfully, T. R. BRUCE.

Murray Lawrence Members Agency Ltd, Lloyd's Underwriting Agents. I Whittington Avenue,



# COMPAGNIE FINANCIÈRE OTTOMANE SA

The board of COMPAGNIE FINANCIÈRE OTTOMANE wishes to announce that agreement has been reached with the GARANTI BANKASI GROUP of Turkey for the sale of its 99.9% interest in its affiliate, OSMANLI BANKASI AS.

OSMANLI BANKASI is the largest foreign-owned bank in Turkey and the oldest banking business in that country, founded in 1863. It has 61 branches and a staff of

holding company which holds 99.9% of the share capital of OSMANLI BANKASI AS. As at 31 December 1995, the value of the participation in OSMANLI BANKASI AS as

The sale is subject to a number of conditions including the necessary regulatory take place by late June 1996.

The board of COMPAGNIE FINANCIERE OTTOMANE, which has been advised by BANQUE PARIBAS, considers that the proposed transaction presents a good opportunity to enhance shareholder value.

COMPAGNIE FINANCIÈRE OTTOMANE is a Luxembourg holding company, whose shares are listed on the stock exchanges of London, Luxembourg and Paris. It is a member of the PARIBAS GROUP, which owns 49.9% of its share capital and voting rights.

For more information, please contact:

Mr George Warren in London Mr Pierre-Edouard Noyelle in Paris Tel: 0171 626 5932

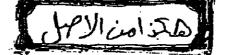
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Following the decision by COMPAGNIE FINANCIERE OTTOMANE in July 1995 not

to proceed with the flotation on the Istanbul stock market of part of the capital of OSMANLI BANKASI AS, a number of groups approached COMPAGNIE FINANCIÈRE OTTOMANE with a view to acquiring a participation in the capital of its Turkish subsidiary. Negotiations have now been concluded with GARANTI BANKASI GROUP on the basis of a purchase price of US\$ 245 million for the emire share capital of COMPAGNIE OTTOMANE D'INVESTISSEMENTS BV, a Dutch reflected in the consolidated balance sheet of COMPAGNIE FINANCIÈRE OTTOMANE was FRF 525 million (US\$ 105 million).

approval and the usual due diligence procedure. Completion of the sale is expected to

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### BRIEFINGS

New rules for the Loan Guarantee Scheme, the government scheme to help small businesses to raise finance, come into force in September. Key changes mean that service companies with an annual turnover of up to £1.5 million can now apply. The shareholding of other investors has been increased to 20 per cent and the loan term has been extended from seven to ten years. Call 0171-215 5000.

☐ Companies that are seeking trading partners in the US and Canada now qualify for up to half the cost of consultants, with a £6,000 limit. to carry out searches and implement plans. The help is offered under the Strategic Alliance Programme, part of the DTI's North America Now campaign. Call 0171-215 8656.

☐ Britain's small businesses want a referendum on Europe, according to a survey by the Federation of Small Businesses. Delegates to the FSB's annual conference last weekend also heard Tony Blair, the Labour leader. propose more action on late pay-ments, including exempting small businesses from paying interest on unpaid bills. He announced a commilment to prompt payment by Labour local authorities.

☐ A Green Audit Kit to help small tourism businesses to "green" their companies and save money has been produced by the Rural Development Commission. It has been successfully tested by businesses in Devon. The kit costs £10 and is available from all regional tourist boards in England.

# Secret recipe for success

Brian Collett on how one woman used her

to cook up a thriving Indian food company

culinary expertise

🕻 eeta Samtani, whose Indian chutneys and pickles are sold in supermarkets throughout Britain, got the cooking habit when her husband needed to entertain at home. Mrs Samtani comes from an affluent Bombay family who had a cook of their own. She had no kitchen duties, but, at an early age, she learnt the chutney and pickle recipes handed down from generation to generation.

After gaining degrees in law and economics, she spent her early married life in Trinidad, where the entertaining began. She recalls: "I thought to myself, "If I can get a law degree. I can damn well cook'. Every time my husband entertained. I tried to come up with something new."

Mrs Samtani moved to London with her family in 1978 and continued making chutneys and pickles — but for charity. She went commercial in 1991, aged 50, first selling her jars of chutney and pickle with handwritten labels to London delicatessens.

She invested in artist-produced labels and then exhibited at a BBC Good Food Show in Birmingham, where she had to turn down a surprise order from a Safeway representative because it was too large.



Hot stuff: Geeta Samtani samples one of the chutneys that could make Geeta's Foods a household name

However, it meant that her company. Geeta's Foods, had arrived, and she eventually started supplying Safeway in 1992. The same year, Mrs Samtani boosted production by setting up her own factory in India.

Mrs Samtani, who runs the operation from home, in St John's Wood, London, with her daughter Ashwina. attributes its success partly to the growing popularity of Indian food, but mostly to product quality. She now supplies Claridge's and other

London hotels, upmarket Indian restaurants, many delicatessens and the Safeway, Waitrose and Sainsbury supermarket chains.

Geeta's Foods offers four chutneys and three pickles, and, by April, will have added a Balti Kashmiri curry paste and a curry spice mixture. In her search for new flavours. Mrs Samtani visits India several times a year. When she concocts a flavour she tries it out at home on family and friends. Mrs Samtani started the business with private funds. Around one million jars of churneys and pickles are produced each year and her last annual turnover was £250,000, which she hopes to double in the current trading year.

guarded recipes, in a book. A Taste of Kashmir will be published in the ☐ Geeta's Foods is on 0171-722

She also hopes to pass on her

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# Small businesses face lean spell in beef crisis

By CLARE STEWART

THE crisis over BSE could cost the jobs up to 200,000 people, including many working in small businesses from farms to food retailing. While this estimate may yet prove excessive, much depends on government action and how well consumer confidence recovers.

The uncertainty is already hitting a wide range of businesses. Crantock Bakery in Cornwall, maker of Cornish pasties, says that the company's export plans have been hit hard by the BSE crisis

Tess Bradshaw, who runs the company with her brother Frank, said: "We had planned to build another factory to meet demand from Europe, and we would have taken on 20 more people. We have cancelled the plans because we can't afford to take the risk."

Stephen Alambritis, spokesman for the Federation of Small Businesses, said: "We are telling our members to hold firm and be patient. We are also hoping that banks will be tolerant if businesses suddenly find that their income is

Barclays Bank says that it has asked all local managers "to take a sympathetic wait-and-see ap-proach\*, while Lloyds is advising customers "to talk to their bank managers as soon as possible so that they are aware of the problems".

Brian Montgomery, senior executive of NatWest's agricultural office, said: "We have said to the branch network that we must be totally supportive of our beeffarming and other customers until the situation becomes clear."

The Department of Trade and Industry's Small Firms Service is not offering any specialist help to beleaguered businesses, but is instead directing queries to the Ministry of Agriculture, which has a Helpline service on 0645 335577. with calls charged at local rates.

One type of business that has suddenly found a new market is organic farming. The Soil Association, which represents organic producers, says that it has had numerous calls from food companies and retailers looking to locate organic suppliers. The association has 500 members and can be contacted on 0117 929 0661.



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# Biggest bank in world starts trading in Japan

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

BANK of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, the world's largest bank with assets of 77.5 trillion yen (£475 billion), started trading in Japan yesterday.

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The new bank, created by the merger of Bank of Tokyo and Mitsubishi Bank, said it planned to act as a stabilising force in Japan's banking system and lead reform of lend-

ing practices in the industry. Tsuneo Wakai, chairman of Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd. said his bank would use its position to help to ensure that the excesses of Japan's late 1980s "bubble economy". which left the banks with huge debts from over-aggressive property lending, were not repeated.

Mr Wakai said: "The bank-

ing industry must change its behaviour, such as lending heavily to a single sector or doing things just because other members of the industry have done them. We must establish procedures that will prevent a recurrence of what happened in the bubble economy."

The move is seen as the start of widespread consolidation in the Japanese financial sector as other Japanese banks are still suffering from the effects of the bad debt problems.

Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi unites Mitsubishi's powerful domestic network and Bank of Tokyo's strong international operations.

The bank creates a domestic powerhouse, being relatively unscathed by the collapse of Japanese property prices in the early 1990s and with both banks believed to be close to bringing their bad-debt problems under control.

Standard & Poor's, the credit rating agency, was less positive on the new banking giant. It gave Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi a single A plus rating, its fifth highest, with a negative outlook. Before the merger, both were separately rated single A plus.

The new bank said it would start operations with about 21,000 employees, 300 domestic branches including head-quarters and other outlets, and 83 overseas branches and representative offices.

Although the bank would not be drawn on specific targets, one of the keys to boosting profitability is expected to be staff reductions and the closure of redundant operations. Last month, bank officials said that they would consider cutting 2,000 jobs over three years.



Tellers at the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi operate a counter in the head office on the first day of trading yesterday

# Wells Fargo merger completed

Manhattan having assets of \$305 billion.

merger, although a new sign was in place

yesterday in the Chemical headquarters

on Park Avenue. The actual merger of

the retail banking businesses will take

Although banks have been focusing on

cost-savings in their meetings with Wall

Street analysts, the mergers are not with-

some months to complete.

Chemical is taking Chase's name and

From a Correspondent in New York to second place, with the "new" Chase

A DRIVE for efficiency in a slow-growth business and the desire to he in the best position to invest in new technology are the spur behind the new wave of bank stock symbol after the merger is complet-ed. There was no fanfare to herald the mergers in America.

Yesterday Wells Fargo & Co completed its merger with First Interstate Bancorp. creating a California-based colossus with \$108 billion in assets. On Sunday, Chase Manhattan Corp merged into Chemical Banking Corp. creating the nation's largest bank in terms of assets.

Citicorp. which has been the biggest bank with \$257 billion in assets. will fall

had 75,000 employees before the merger and will eventually be down to 63,000. Analysts estimate that 9,000 jobs are likely to be lost in the Wells Fargo merger with First Interstate. Total employment at the two banks before the merger was

Raphael Soifer, analyst at Brown Brothers Harriman, said banks seeking to merge were not in a "survival situation" but were seeking to build more competitive organisations. "Most bank mergers continue to be driven by costsavings and technology." he said.

### **BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

# **Magnox Electric** goes it alone

THE new public company responsible for running Britain's first-generation nuclear power stations began operating independently yesterday. Since January, Magnox Electric had been shadow trading as a division of Nuclear Electric from its corporate headquarters at Berkeley, Gloucestershire. It is now also responsible for decommissioning Magnox sites.

The new company, which employs 3,800, runs six power stations — at Wylfa, Oldbury, Sizewell A, Hinkley Point A, Dungeness A and Bradwell — and three decommissioning sites — at Trawsfynydd, Berkeley and Hunterston A. The Magnox stations are expected to produce about 8 per cent of the electricity for England and Wales annually.

# Phone networks grow

THE war of words between Cellnet and Vodafone, the UK's two leading mobile telephone networks, continued as both released subscriber figures showing an increase in customers. Cellnet, which is owned by BT and Securicor, said figures for the year to March 31 showed that its total customer hase had grown by about 37 per cent to 2.38 million. Vodafone said it now boasted a subscriber base of 2.45 million, up 35 per cent on the previous financial year.

# **United Utilities offshoot**

UNITED UTILITIES, the combined water and power group formed through the £1.8 billion takeover of Norweb by North West Water, has launched a facilities management company. Vertex, based in Manchester, has a staff of 2,500 and an initial annual turnover of £200 million. Employees from North West Water and Norweb have transferred to the firm. Last week. United Utilities announced 1,700 job losses, taking the number of redundancies since the merger to 2,500.

# Orange dealing for all

PRIVATE investors in Orange, the mobile phone group, can begin stock market dealing today. The shares were traded by institutions last week, having been issued at 205p each, and reached a healthy premium, trading yesterday at 225p. Dealing for small investors was delayed because allocations had not been notified when dealing began for institutions. The offer was subscribed ten times, with 325 million shares on offer, of which 26 million went to private investors.

# Scania valued at £3.5bn as shares make debut

By Martin Barrow

SCANIA, the heavy truck and bus maker, has been valued at 36 billion Swedish krona (E3.5 billion) as its shares begin trading on stock mar-kets in Stockholm and New

UK institutions have subscribed for up to 20 per cent of the shares. Up to 45 per cent will go to the Nordic countries, of which 10 per cent will go to the general public in Sweden, and 25 per cent will go to the United States and Canada. The remainder of the shares will go to the rest of the world.

The shares are being sold by Investor, the investment holding company of Sweden's powerful industrial and financial Wallenberg group. Scania becomes the first Swedish company to secure a

> Capita wins contract

worth £72m

share listing on Wall Street and is the seventh largest company on the Stockholm stock exchange. The offer was 2.7 times subscribed. SBC Warburg.

Morgan Stanley and Enskilda were joint global co-ordinators for the offering. The offer was set at SKrl80 per share. Institutions which had bid below SKrl80 received no shares in Clas Dahlback, president of

Investor, said: "We are delighted with the outcome of the Scania public offering ... the perception of Scania as one of the world's leading capital goods companies was widely confirmed. Scania had net income of \$475 million on revenues of \$5.19 billion in

After the completion of the

offering. Investor's residual shareholding would amount to approximately 25 per cent of the capital and 40 per cent of the votes. The shares opened at a small premium yesterday. Some 100 million shares were alloned under the terms of the original offer. Investor

capital and votes. In New York, the initial public offering of Scania was priced at \$27.0778 per American Depository Receipt. Morgan Stanley acted as

said, adding that the under-

writers of the offering had a

30-day overallotment option of

a further 5 per cent of Scania's

underwriter. The New York Stock Exchange described the initial public offering as the world's largest corporate stock

# US funds to check out **Ulster opportunities**

By Our City Staff

BY OUR CITY STAFF CAPITA GROUP, the business support services company, said its managed services subsidiary has won a £72 million ties in Northern Ireland. contract to administer the They will meet in Belfast Teachers' Superannuation Scheme (TSS) in

seven years. The contract was awarded by the Depart-ment for Education and Employment and will begin on October 1.

England and Wales for

The scheme is currently administered by the Teachers' Pension Agency (TPA). Capita will take on TPA's 430 staff.

Capita shares rose 16p

REPRESENTATIVES of America's largest pension funds and leading international money managers will meet for four days in September to study investment opportuni-

and Dublin while the Irish Republic holds the presidency of the European Union. The conference has been organised by Pensions 2000, based in San Francisco, after

an approach by Senator Edward Kennedy. It follows last year's Washington investment conference organised by President Clinton in the wake of the IRA and loyalist Philip Schaefer, president of

Pensions 2000, said the event

would go ahead in spite of the breakdown of the IRA ceasefire. "We will redouble the efforts to make our conference an enormous success because peace and economic hand." The American Embassy in Dublin and the US Consulate in Belfast are working closely on the project.

Joe White. US Commercial

Service representative in Belfast, said: "US companies are increasingly recognising that Ireland is a natural entry-way to the European market and offers many other advantages to investors, including an educated workforce, advanced infrastructure and a stable corporate and legal environment."

London & Manchester lifts mis-selling sum

# Insurer surges to £57m

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

LONDON & Manchester, the life insurer, has set aside an extra £5 million to cover compensation for customers who were mis-sold personal pensions. This brings the total sum to £29 million. For the year ending Decem-

ber 31, distributable profits (after tax) increased by £2.1 million to £35.7 million against £33.6 million in the comparable period.

Life companies are now required to show pre-tax profit figures which include both realised and unrealised losses and gains on investments. As a consequence, London & Manchesler's pre-tax profit for the year rose to £57.1 million against a loss of £14 million for the previous year. London & Manchester was

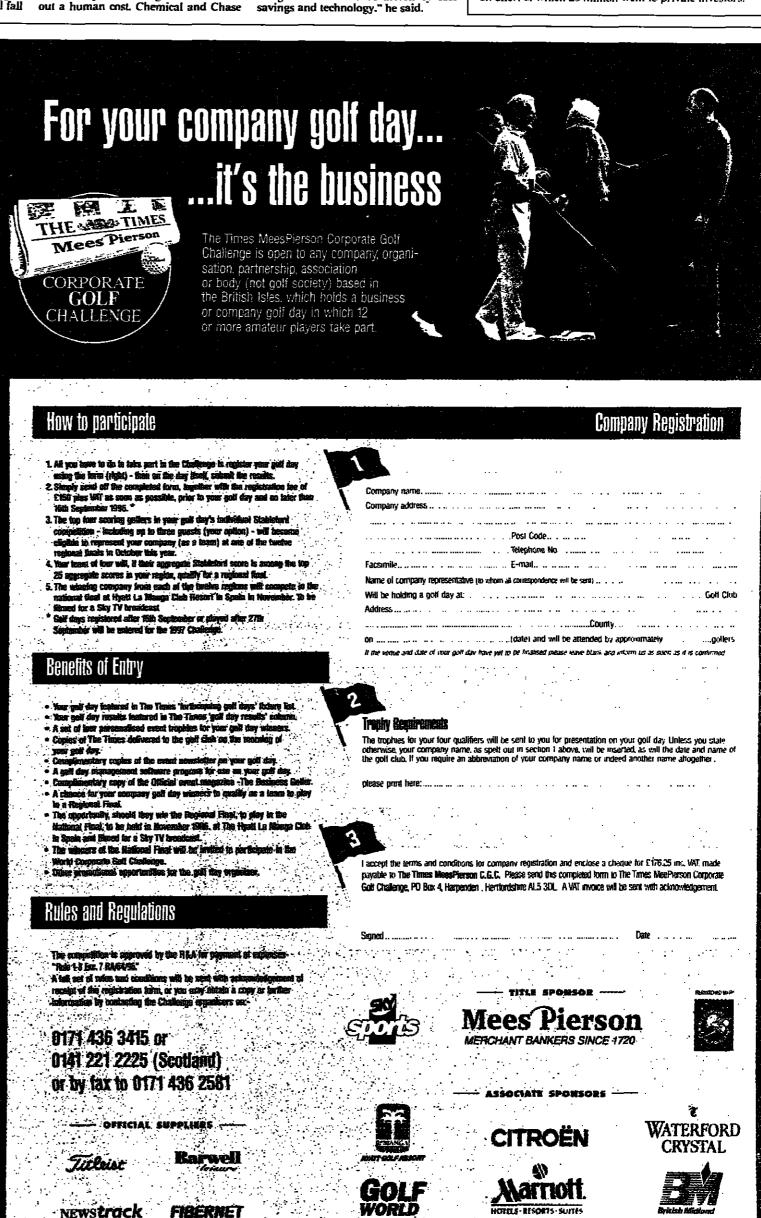


the first company to apply to the Department of Trade and Industry to redistribute socalled "orphan assets" from its life fund. Transfers of surplus from the life, pensions and managed funds companies were £19.5 million, £3 million and £550,000, making £23.1 million, a rise of 6 per cent over last year.

Tom Pyne, chief executive, said 1995 had proved to be another difficult year for the UK life industry which had resulted in a decline in new business revenues. Single premiums fell by 57 per cent. partly because of the company's withdrawal from selling guaranteed-income bonds.

London & Manchester spent the year on a costcutting drive, shedding 250 jobs from its Exeter head office. Losses at the residential estate agency chain deepened from £1.3 million to £2.6 million, in spite of the closure of eight branches. The total dividend per share will be 18.7p, a rise of 9 per cent.

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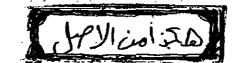
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As the mad cow crisis continues, David Conn, below, and Edward Fennell report on possible legal actions

# Who cares for the victims?

done by the Government to make contact with the families of the ten who died from Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, despite the explosion of media coverage after the revelation that BSE is the most likely explanation for those deaths.

The Government's scientific advisers have said there could be an "epidemic" of CJD, but a spokesman for the Department of Health, asked what the Government was doing for the families of the victims. replied succinctly: "Nothing." The Government, he said, was currently "not considering any help at all" for the victims, whether educational or emotional; far less an offer of financial compensation. "Why should there be?" the official said. "The Government is not responsible for these new cases."

David Churchill disagrees. His son Stephen died from CJD last May. "No compensation is possible in our case," Mr Churchill says.
"Other families may have lost a breadwinner; we did not. We lost a boy with his whole life ahead of him. How do you compensate for that? But we would certainly consider joining a class action to determine who is to blame for Stephen's death. We understand there may have been rogue abattoirs or farmers, but we do not blame those industries generally. They, like us, were acting on government advice. Our current feeling, we are prepared to state, is that the Government was responsible for our son's death."

As yet, there have been no calls by politicians for families to be spared the ordeal of a legal battle with the Government. Oliver Thorold, a barrister experienced in personal injury and medical negligence cases, is "amazed" that no opposition party has raised this question. He draws parallels with two similar incidents of fatal disease: haemophiliaes infected with Aids from contaminated blood products

contracted contaminated human growth hormones (HGH).

The HGH cases, known as "the CJD litigation", are being contested by the Government. According to the Department of Health official, no offer has been made to compen-sate the families of 17 victims, and the cases will be defended "to the hilt". The trial, expected to last six weeks, is due to start on April 16. The case of the haemophiliacs was settled in 1990 after two years of litigation.

Mr Thorold argues that the victims families should not be subjected to an antagonistic legal battle but should be compensated now for their bereavement. For the present, however, the Department of Health appears to be unmoved.

The victims families, having had no offer from the Government, have been forced to consider litigation. It is known that solicitors have already been instructed to consider suing the Government for negligence over its handling of the BSE

avid Body, of Irwin Mitchell, a Sheffield firm, who is one of two co-ordinating solicitors in the HGH litigation, sees similarities in the approach a court would take to the BSE question. "First," he says, "there is the question of knowledge. The court will look at what the government departments can be imputed to have known about the learning regarding spongiform encephalopathy. Secondly, it will consider the Government's role as a regulatory body; in the case of BSE, of the food industry."

The Government's record could be vulnerable in both areas. It continues to argue there was "no evidence" that degenerative disease could be transmitted from cows to human beings. But any claimant would refer to scientifically known risks which, they would argue, should have been appreciated earli-



David and Dot Churchill "lost a boy with his whole life ahead of him" when CJD took their son Stephen

would begin in 1980, with the failure of the Thatcher Government to follow through a 1978 Labour Government consultation paper that called for compulsory licensing of carcass and offal-rendering plants. Also called into evidence would be the failure to implement the conclusions of the Tyrell committee, which in June 1989 recommended the monitoring of brains of cattle sent to slaughter.

The only certain thing is that if a negligence action were brought, it would be very long, involve huge amounts of public money to lawyers. Mr Body thinks that the case of government negligence may well be arguable, but he believes strongly that it should not be allowed to go ahead. He explains: "The same mistake should not be made as was made in the HGH cases. An independent inquiry should be carried out straight away, to find out how we have reached this state and what our response should be.

This is extremely important. In the HGH cases, no inquiry was carried out and litigation has been

to find out the truth of how the victims died."

Mr Thorold agrees, saying that the families should be spared the "legal sword dance" of suing the Government to get at the truth. He contrasts the forsaking of the victims with the Government's re-lationship with farmers. "If there is a cull of cattle," he says, "the farmers are likely to be given millions of pounds in compensation. This will contrast horribly with the stark plight of the victims. battling against government deni-

# Life's work up in flames

ast week William Neville, the head of the agricultural Junit at Burges Salmon in Bristol had the first glimpse of what the weeks ahead would hold Farmers - old clients of the firm were phoning up in tears for advice as they viewed the prospect of their life's work going up in

Now Britain's agricultural lawyers are gearing up for the fight of their lives. For Burges Salmon, it is particularly important. With a core of 40 agricultural specialists, it is the UK's largest agricultural practice. And, along with their col-leagues elsewhere in the firm and as part of the Norton Rose M5 group, the firm has assembled a BSE action squad that has moved to the first stage of the group-wide

"disaster" plan.
Mr Neville says: "I pray that we don't have to put it into action, but if we do, it will be a super-effective way of dealing with the crisis."
While the fate of the farmers and

the national herd is centre-stage, lawyers such as Mr Neville are also seeing the impact of BSE on hauliers, abattoirs, auctioneers and food companies. Already potential legal disputes are surfacing: over, for example, contractual arrangements. What will happen when the food companies turn down contracted for beef supplies? And what about the hauliers who have no beasts to take to market? Or the insurance policies based on size of turnover where business has slumped by 70 per cent in a fortnight?

Agricultural lawyers are totting up a long list of possible actions and planning their future strategies. But Mr Neville advises: "We must wait to see how the Government and the European Commission decide to handle it."

The compensation issue is at the forefront of most farmers' minds. Nigel Davis, who heads the agricultural practice at Shakespeares in Birmingham, could scarcely be closer to the crisis. Commuting daily from Ashbourne in Derbyshire, where he has a herd of Aberdeen Angus, he sees things from both sides. "Being in the middle of it." he says, "helps to

likely to follow any proposal for a flat-rate compensation. He says: "There can be large differentials in the value of cattle, depending on whether or not they are pedigree. I have been discussing the matter with other farmers and will write to the Minister of Agriculture to put the point because no one else seems to have noticed it so far."

Mr Davis is a member of Agrilaw, a group of specialist agricultural firms. Jeannette Dennis of Taylor Vinter in Cambridge, like Mr Davis also a part-time farmer, is a fellow member. "As well as being a lawyer," she says, "I run a pig farm. Ironically, I have seen the price of pork rise as the BSE scare has mounted."

While talking to her clients. Miss Dennis has noticed that there is aiready a BSE effect on the trade in milk quotas. Normally at this time of year, there is a brisk trade between those farmers who have quota to spare and those who need more. This year, however, the market is quiet as the industry waits to see just how far any proposed cull of the national beef

and dairy herd might go.

More immediately, however,
Miss Dennis knows of farmers who are just a short way from bankruptcy. Once the dust settles, the victims will be looking for redress. The question is, whom should they sue. The Government, Brussels, the feed manufacturers?

enry Abraham, of the Kent firm of Brachers. points out that the courts are reluctant to countenance a claim against the Government for negligence, although an argument could be made that it did not act decisively enough and thereby allowed hysteria to develop. He says: "This is going to set a

precedent for the future because it is a case of such enormous magni-

Meanwhile. Sally Graham. of the agricultural department at Mills & Reeve, a Norwich firm. comments: "Though we are getting on with other work, BSE is hanging over everything we do. We are sitting here just waiting for

# **School for** illiterate lawyers

LAWYERS are not known for their good, clear English. But they are keen to go back to school to put things right. At the City law firm Cameron Markby Hewitt yesterday, partners were rushing to sign up for a new training proramme which, their marketing department said, would start with a "fundamental tutorial on grammar and

handwriting".

An e-mail message explained to them that the firm was having to spend much money on hiring journalists to rewrite articles for marketing purposes and time was being wasted trying to decipher "illegible handwriting". It went on: "We have taken advice from one of our clients.

SBC Warburg, that graphology, the study of handwriting. has become recognised as a bona fide science — some clients are even assessing personality traits from signa-The course would cover split infinitives, practical use of gerunds, uses of Latin tags and writing for American and other foreign

Unfortunately, the would-be students had failed to notice yesterday's date. Tony Reiss, the marketing director, said: "We invited partners to attend first, as the worst offenders... and several had signed up by lunch-time. Perhaps we should offer

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over capital punishment back on the agenda. So Capital Punishment (Waterside Press £32 plus £1.50 p&p) could not be more timely The book is co-edited by

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Peter Hodgkinson, director of the Centre for Capital Punishment Studies at Westminister University, and the series editor, Andrew Rutherford, a criminologist. It includes chapters by leading authori-ties on the death penalty in several countries, as well as material on the history of the penalty and the role of doctors

in its administration. Meanwhile, the spirit of retribution lives on in Texas. The state has carried out 104 executions, the largest number in America, and has just changed its rules to allow a victim's relatives to watch.

As a result, the parents and grandparents of a brother and sister who were shot during

an armed robbery of a pawn shop in Houston will see the perpetrator's death by

● Michael Beloff, QC, has been appointed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, which has been set up to deal with appeals over disputes arising from the Atlanta Olympics. He will be the only English representative on the panel of 12 lawyers making up the court's ad hoc division.

First meeting A GROUP for Arab lawyers

holds its inaugural meeting today. The Association of Arab Lawyers already has 120 members. Asmaa al-Adhamy, one of its founders and a trainee solicitor with Allen & Overy, says the society was set up to help Arab lawyers in the UK to network and to provide

a focus for clients seeking specialist services. "We're not a political group," she says.
"Our aim is to forge links with lawyers in the Middle East and across the profession." The meeting, at the Law Society, starts at 6.30pm.

Sitting targets

THE past year has been ground-breaking for the Law Society. The latest of a series of firsts for the society must be the appearance of an advertisement in the Law Society Gazette calling on supporters of the president, Martin Mears, to challenge his opponents on the council whose seats come up for re-election this summer.

The advertisement, placed by Mr Mears's own group of supporters on the council, appears alongside the president's regular column in which he expresses the hope that supporters of his reform programme will win all 15 of the seats up for grabs.

Great lines

NICK Towle, of the City firm Watson Farley & Williams, is the first English lawyer to have flown into Bosnia since the peace agreement. His mission, as part of a team of consultants financed by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, is to get the citizens talking to each other by rebuilding the telecommunications system.

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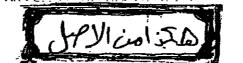




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Elton John's £500,000 libel win against the Sunday Mirror was cut to £75,000

# Realism in the libel lottery

Frances Gibb reports on the latest move to reform procedures for seeking damages

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Il litigation is a lottery, say lawyers. But libel is the biggest lottery of them all. The stakes are high: a reputation weighed against huge legal costs (for which there is no legal aid), coupled with uncertain damages which - exceptionally in the civil courts - are awarded by a jury.

Today peers start to debate reforms intended to simplify the way in which courts tackle libel so that more people can obtain a remedy for a slur on their reputation. The Defamation Bill, which starts its committee stage in the House of Lords, will provide a new fast-track procedure for libel claims of up to £10,000. The idea is that the simpler libel claims can be disposed of quickly and cheaply, with judges assessing damages and dismissing any

The Bill, based on a reforms produced first by Lord Hoffmann, the law lord, and then by Lord Justice Neill, the Court of Appeal judge, also offers something for the newspapers on the receiving end of suits. It creates a new \*offer of amends" defence for newspapers that did not intend to defame and are willing to pay damages assessed by a judge and to publish an appropriate correction and apology.

The aim is to get cases before a judge

more quickly and to reduce the number going before juries in long, vastly expensive trials. Concerns about the length, complexity and cost of libel trials has been fuelled in recent years by a few high-profile cases that resulted in huge payouts to plaintiffs.

But will the new Bill achieve its aims? Lawyers are claiming that it will do little, in reality, to open the libel courts to plaintiffs without means. The measures, they say, could even backfire and result in higher costs and lower awards.

Sarah Webb, defamation partner with Russell Jones & Walker, predicts that it will tilt the present balance of power more towards the media

through the lowering of awards. She says: "Coupled with the recent change in the law after the 1995 Elton John case (in which the Court of Appeal laid down guidelines to bring awards

in line with personal injury cases], the Bill will diminish libel awards to such an extent that the media will be unfettered agrees: the in what they publish by the risk of a high award of damages.

Personal injury awards are at a depressed level, changing she points out. "Newsnapers will be able to calcu-late in advance what a defamatory story will cost and decide

whether it is worth publishing it. The cost of a half-page advertisement in The Sun, for example, is about £20,000, so damages of £5,000 to £20,000, which will be the norm in all but the most serious libel cases, will be a low price to pay for newspapers whose profits come in millions."

Andrew Stephenson, of Peter Carter-Ruck & Partners, also questions whether it will improve people's access to libel courts. The summary hearings before a judge will still depend on resolving conflicts of evidence and costs could mount up, he argues.

Furthermore, there will be scope for lawyers to argue over whether summary damages are appropriate; and about what form the correction and apology should take, which "trespasses into the traditional provinces of editorial re-

sponsibility He adds: "From the point of view of plaintiffs, it is doubtful whether the provisions add anything other than to introduce a ceiling on damages of £10,000." Under the Bill, plaintiffs will have to give up their right to jury trial if

they opt for the new fast-track procedure. So if they fail in the fast track, he says, they

would "be stuck".

This summary procedure will further remove one of the few checks and balances that exists to keep the media in place, according to Mrs Webb. "It is the judges who decide whether a case is suitable for summary judgment procedure," she

says, "but it is unclear what evidence will be before them when they take that decision or, more important, when they decide the case under this procedure. Judges will be under pressure, she believes, to decide cases in the defen-

dant's (publisher's) favour. Defendants will inevitably try to diminish the seriousness of a libel and to do everything within their power to underplay the impact of publication so as to make it suitable for summary procedure. The concerns are, however, not all

one way. Lawyers also point out that the measures have problems also for publishers, putting them in the "nightmare" scenario in which they are liable for damages when they unintentionally defame. Peter Carter-Ruck, the leading libel lawyer, points out that the new "offer of amends" makes newspapers liable for compensation where they are not now. At present in such cases where, perhaps, someone of the same name is innocently libelled - publishers can offer an apology and pay costs only. But the new offer of amends provides for them to pay compensation in such circumstances.

e accepts that the reforms will "remove some unfairness to lingants" - both plaintiffs and defendants. But they fail to go far enough. Several pressing defects are left unremedied. such as the lack of legal aid. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, he says, could consider extending this to those using the summary procedure.

There is consensus on one thing. however, that the present law needs reform. The Lord Chancellor's minister. Jonathan Evans, MP, told the Commons that libel costs were "disproportionately high" and often exceeded the damages won, as with Elton John. Victories can also be pyrrhic.

Lord Aldington, who won a record £1.5 million damages, has seen only a fraction of his award because the defendants have no cash. In many ways, the present libel proposals foreshadow some of the reforms being floated by Lord Woolf in his civil justice inquiry. So how the new libel laws work — or otherwise — may provide a telling glimpse of the future.

Set up as a cheap and speedy forum for patent disputes, the Patents County Court seems to have lost its way

The Patents County Court is in need of reform, according to senior judges, Frances Gibb writes. The court came under fire recently in the case of the £2.7 million battle against Sony by a German who claimed to have invented the personal stereo. The judges threw his case out. But they took the opportunity to castigate the inefficient and costly procedures of

the Patents County Court. Their comments will be widely backed by the legal profession. The court has seen a dramatic fall in its workload since being set up under Margaret Thatcher's Government in 1990 as a speedy and cheap forum for patent disputes.

Instead however lawyers are

# Great idea, but needs work

choosing to take their clients' disputes to the High Court. The number of new cases lodged in the Patents County Court is now at a record low level: in 1995, only 28 actions were started there, compared with 53 in 1994, 81 in 1993 and 94 in 1992, the high point.

Lawvers who use the court regularly have consistently accused it of failing to achieve its aims. Some of their fire has been directed specifically at the court's judge. Peter Ford. He, however, has strongly defended his record.

Trevor Cook, an intellectualproperty lawyer with Bird & Bird, says: "The figures on the falling workload speak for themselves. But to some extent they also reflect the vastly improved service offered by the Patents Court in the High Court, which is now providing an excellent service."

The Court of Appeal judges' criticisms echo views that some lawyers have been reluctant to air publicly. Lord Justice Neill described what had happened as "lamentable". The patent in the Sony dispute had two-and-a-half pages of written description which could be understood "without any scientific help".

Despite that, he said that the "parties" pleaded cases were set out in 261 pages with extensive annexes. There were nearly eight days of hearings about interlocutory disputes and the trial lasted nearly four weeks." Every point was pursued, wheth-

er material or not, he added. 'Whether the fault for these lamentable events is that of the procedure adopted or something else is not for me to decide. However, some alteration is necessary if the purposes of the Patents County Court are to be achieved."

Lord Justice Hobhouse added that the procedure was "disproportionate" to the issues to be tried. There was over-elaboration of the pre-trial procedures and a failure to limit the trials' scope in preparatory stages, resulting in "inefficiency, delay and excessive cost"

David Jerrard, a partner with Baker & McKenzie, which acted

for Sony in the case, says: "At the end of the trial in the Patents County Court, the total costs were some £2.2 million. The court was meant to be a cheap and speedy way to resolve disputes and Sony did everything it could to simplify the issues but they remained complex."

Christopher Tootle, head of Herbert Smith's intellectual-property group, said the setting-up of the court had been a good idea. But he accepted that it could now be reformed. "The court should concentrate on cases which can be tried in a day or two."

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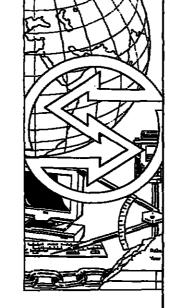
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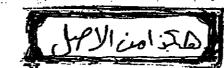
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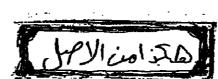
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# Making more than one claim for asylum

for the Home Department, Ex parte Onibiyo

Refore Sir Thomas Bingham, Masper of the Rolls, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas Budgment March 28] A person might during a single

uninterrupted stay in the United Kingdom make more than one claim for asylum within the meaning of section 1 of the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993 However, where a claim had heen refused and the claimant had enhausted his rights of appeal, a fresh claim was only constituted if, as compared with the earlier daim, it was sufficiently different madmit of a realistic prospect that a favourable view could be taken of it, despite the unfavourable conclu

sion reached on the earlier claim. The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the ap-plicant. Mr Ademola Onibiyo, from Mr Justice Latham who had refused his application for judicial review of decisions of the Secretary of State for the Home Department (i) refusing to issue a formal notice of refusal of asylum; (ii) refusing to refer fresh material back to the immigration appellate authorities under section 21 of the Immigration Act 1971 and (iii) directing the

applicant's removal from the Uni-ted Kingdom.
On March 25, 1995 an order signed for the applicant, who was overstayer from Nigeria, to be deported was served on him at the lice station where he was derained. On March 26, he applied for asylum on the ground that, as a member of the Yoruba tribe which attracted the hatred and persecu-tion of the government in Nigeria, he leared that his life would be in danger if he were returned there. In interview he made it plain that his own claim for asylum was

based on the political activities of his father, who also claimed asyhrm. Both his and his father's claims were rejected and their appeals dismissed. On October 26, 1995 his father was deported to Nigeria and on the evidence nothing further had been heard or seen of him after his

On November 30, the applicant

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by letter of December 4 and asserted to be new, that he had a well founded fear of being persecuted "for reasons of membership of a particular social group and political opinion" and that he was a supporter of and associated with the opposition movement in

The letter was supported by material relating to the human rights situation in Nigeria and to recent events including the executions of certain people there.

Nigeria.

The secretary of state concluded that the applicant's representations did not constitute a fresh claim, and that he still relied on his father's situation and the political climate in Nigeria as the basis of

Treating the letter as further information to the original claim the secretary of state concluded that there had not been any material change in circumstances since his previous refusal. He declined to accept that that conclusion constituted a fresh decision giving the applicant an avenue of appeal.

Mr Nicholas Blake, QC and Mr Duran Seddon for the applicant: Mr Neil Garnham for the Home

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS referred to the articles IA and 33 of the 1951 Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol and to the national measures giving effect to those instruments, in particular, to sections 1, 2, 6, 8 of and Schedule 2 to the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993; to the Asylum Appeals (Procedure) Rules (\$1 1993 No 1661); the immigration Appeals (Procedure) Rules (SI 1984 No 2041) and the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (1994, HC 395).

On the first issue: whether as a during a single uninterrupted stay in the United Kingdom make more than one "claim for asylum" as defined by section 1 of the 1993 Act. his Lordship preferred the ap-plicant's argument that after dismissal of a first claim, a fresh claim could be made.

The United Kingdom's obliga-tion under the Convention was not

to return a refugee, as defined, to a country where his life or freedom would be threatened for any reason specified in the Convention. That obligation remained binding until the moment of return.

A refugee, as defined, had a right not to be returned to such a country and a further right not to be returned pending a decision whether he was a refugee or not. It would undermine the bene-

ficial object of the Convention and the measures giving effect to it if the making of an unsuccessful application for asylum were to be treated as modifying the United Kingdom's obligation or depriving a person of the right to make a fresh claim for asylum. Nothing in the Convention or in

res his Lordship had summarised supported the secretary of state's contrary construction which the judge had accepted. He accordingly differed from the judge on the first issue.

Turning to the question of what

constituted a fresh claim, his Lordship agreed with the propositions accepted by the applicant. 1 That a fresh claim could not be made by advancing an obviously untenable claim, or by repeating, even with elaboration or addition, claim already made, or by relying on evidence available but 2 That there had to be a significant change from the claim as previously presented, such as might

reasonably lead a special adjudicator to take a different view; 3 That if the fresh claim depended on new evidence, it had to satisfy tests, analogous to Ladd v Marshall ([1954] | WLR 1489), of previous unavailability, signifi-cance and credibility.

He also agreed with Lord Justice Stuart-Smith in Manyinder Singh

v Secretary of State for the Home Department (unreported, December 8, 1995) that it was necessary to analyse the essential ingredients of a claim to asylum and to see whether any of those ingredients had changed; that where the applicant could assert that one or more were different, then it could be said to be a fresh claim.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith had identified such ingredients as (i) the applicant had a well founded fear of persecution, (ii) in relation to the country whence he came, (iii) the authorities of the state, or a group tolerated by them were the source of persecution or the authorities refused or could not offer effective protection, (iv) the persecution was for a Convention

His Lordship said that the acid test had always to be whether, comparing the new claim with that earlier rejected and excluding material on which the claimant could reasonably have been expected to rely in the earlier claim, the new claim was sufficiently different realistic prospect that a favourable view could be taken of the new claim despite the unfavourable conclusion reached on the earlier

On the question who was to decide whether a claim was fresh or not, it was plain from rule 328 of HC 395 that all asylum applications would be determined by the instance.

Turning to the procedural consequences, his Lordship said that if the secretary of state recognised a fresh claim as a "claim for asylum" but none the less decided that asylum should not be granted, there was no reason why the same consequences should not follow as The disappointed claimant could pursue his right of appeal under

section 8 of the 1993 Act. The problematical situation was vhere, as here, the secretary of state did not recognise a claim as a fresh "claim for asylum" and so declined to make any decision or to take or omit to take action which would trigger a right of appeal under section 8 of the 1993 Act.

Both parties accepted that the asylum-seeker's redress was only by resort to the court. The applicant argued that whether or not a fresh claim had been made was a matter of precedent fact to be decided in case of dispute by the court.

The secretary of state argued that the question was one for him, and his decision, while not immune from challenge, could only be challenged on the ground of irrationality.

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reasons which his Lordship set out in detail, the appeal would fail, but since the issue was of importance and of considerable difficulty, he would proffer only a tentative

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The role of the court in the immigration field varied depending on the legislative and admintrative context. Where an exercise of administrative power was dependent on the establishment of an objective precedent fact the court would, if asked to do so in case of dispute, itself rule whether such fact was established to the requisite standard: see, for example, R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Khawaja ([1984] AC 74).

By contrast the decision whether

was a question to be determined by the secretary of state and the immigration appellate authorities whose determinations were susceptible to challenge only on Wedneshury principles ([1948] I KB 223): see R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Bugdaycay ([1987] AC 514).

His Lordship was of the opinion although with some misgivings. that the judgment whether a fresh "claim for asylum" had been made should be assimilated with the latter and not the former class of iudement

If the test propounded on the first issue was correct, the answer to the question whether a fresh claim had been made would depend not on the finding of any objective fact, nor even on a literal comparison of the earlier and later claim, but on an exercise of judgment, and that was a field in which the initial judgments were clearly entrusted to the secretary of

He would accordingly incline to accept the secretary of state's argument on the point, while observing that decisions reached by him were susceptible to challenge on any Wednesbury ground of which irrationality was only

He would dismiss the appeal. Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas agreed. Stockwell: Treasury Solicitor.

## Diminished responsibility not part of provocation

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Steyn, Sir Brian Hutton and Sir Michael Hardie Boys

Judgment March 26] elZMental infirmity on the part of a defendant which had the effect of reducing his powers of self-control below that to be expected of an ordinary person was not to be attributed to the ordinary person for the purposes of the objective test in provocation.

The Privy Council so held by a majority (Lord Steyn dissentine) hen dismissing an appeal by Luc Thiet-thuan from the dismisal by the Court of Appeal of Hong Kong (Vice-President Power, Vice-President Macdougall and Justice of Appeal Mortimer) dated August 26, 1993 of his appeal against his conviction of murder.

Mr Martin Thomas, QC and Miss Charlotte Draycott, of the English and Hong Kong Bars, for the appellant; Mr A. A. Bruce, QC, Senior Assistant Crown Prosecutor, Hong Kong, and Mrs M. P. H. Sin, of the Hong Kong Bar, for

LORD GOFF, giving the judg-ment of the majority, said that the appellant had given evidence at trial that, following a fall in which he was rendered unconscious, he had experienced several episodes of responding irritably to minor provocation in which he felt "the sense of hot flush rising from the abdomen," following which he became unable to keep control and acted explosively.

His evidence had been that this sensation occurred at the time of the attack by him on the deceased which resulted in her death.

The trial judge had held that that evidence was relevant only to his defence of diminished responsibility and so did not refer to it when directing the jury on provocation. In the result the jury convicted the appellant of murder rejecting both pleas.

Mr Thomas had submitted that an analysis of the relevant authorities, and in particular the New Zealand authorities on the definition of provocation contained in section 169 of the New Zealand Crimes Act 1961, including the analysis of Mr Justice North in R v McGregor ([1962] NZLR 1069), adopted by the English Court of Appeal in R v Newell ((1980) 71 Cr App R 331), revealed a devent of the law which permitted the mental condition of the fendant to be taken into account for the purposes of the objective test in the law of provocation.

Mr Bruce had submitted that to allow juries to take account of the appellant's brain damage and episodic dyscontrol condition would be to undermine the objec-tive test, namely whether the reasonable man do as the defendant did, as interpreted by Lord Diplock in R v Camplin (1978) AC

Section 3 of the Homicide Act 1957, identical to section 4 of the Hong Kong Homicide Ordinance, provided: "Where on a charge of murder there is evidence on which the jury can find that the person charged was provoked ... to lose self-control, the question whether the provocation was enough to make a reasonable man do as he did shall be left to be

determined by the jury..." In determining that question "the jury shall take into account everything both done and said according to the effect which, in [the jury's] opinion, it would have on a reasonable man."

It was thus not open to the courts either to discard the objective test, inconsistent with the statute.

In Camplin it was held, consistent with the words of the section that the sex and age of the account, so that the hypothetical person was treated as having the power of self-control to be expected, where appropriate, of an ordinary man or woman or an ordinary young person.

But it was an entirely different mity of the defendant which impaired his power of self-control should be taken into account: it was difficult to see how it could be consistent with a person having the power of self-control of an ordinary person.

Newell and the subsequent decisions of the Court of Appeal where reliance was placed on Newell, in particular R v Ahluwalia [1992] 4 All ER 889), had suggested that certain characteristics of the defendant relating to his or her mental state or personality might as such be taken into account by the jury for the purposes of the objective test.

However, R v McCarthy [1992] 2 NZLR 550) had explained that mental characteristics of the defendant could be taken into account in New Zealand because of the deliberate intention of the New Zealand Parliament to achieve a partial recognition of the defence of diminished responsibility.

Thus the New Zealand case law which had influenced Newell no longer provided safe guidance on the interpretation of the English statute and it was necessary to return to Camplin. On the principles there stated,

there was no basis upon which mental infirmity on the part of the defendant which had the effect of reducing his powers of self-control below that to be expected of an ordinary person could, as such, be attributed to the ordinary person for the purposes of the objective test in provocation.

Of course, mental infirmity of the defendant, if itself the subject of taunts by the deceased, might be taken into account as going to the gravity of the provocation as applied to the defendant.

But that was a far cry from the appellant's submission that the mental infirmity of the defendant impairing his power of self-control should as such be attributed to the reasonable man for the purposes of the objective test.

To accept the appellant's submission would be to incorporate the concept of diminished responsibility indirectly into the law of as most unlikely to have been intended by the legislature which, in a neighbouring section in the same statute, introduced diminished responsibility as a defence of general application in the law of

LORD STEYN, dissenting, said that section 3 of the Homicide Act 1957 was a reforming measure. Its genesis lay in the Royal Com-mission on Capital Punishment. 1949-1953 (Cmd 8932), which had examined arguments for and against the retention of the objecrecommended that the objective

But it did so on the assumption that the courts in applying the reasonable man test would seek to avoid the injustices which would follow from a rigid and doctrinaire application of the test.

Parliament thus adopted the not unusual course of not trying to solve an intractable problem but leaving it to the courts in the application of the Act to work out sensible and just solutions.

There was nothing in the speeches in Camplin to indicate that only youthfulness could qualify as "human infirmity" under the objective requirement. Indeed Lord Simon of Glaisdale made it clear (at p727) that "the entire factual situation, which includes the characteristics of the accused. must be considered".

In context that did not exclude mental abnormality. Camplin was perfectly consistent with a sensible terpretation of section 3 in its contextual scene. The decisions of the Court of

Appeal, starting with Ahluwalia and culminating in R vThornton (The Times December 13, 1995) were a logical extension of the decisions in Camplin. But even more important than the promptings of legal logic was the dictates of justice: justice underpinned those decisions. Solicitors: Edwin Coe:

#### Disclosed documents were used in similar action MR JUSTICE RIMER said that undertaking not to use the docuinvolved a contempt of court (see

Miller and Another v Scorey and Others

Before Mr Justice Rimer

Judgment March [4] The implied undertaking given by a party to an action not to use documents disclosed on discovery in that action for any purpose except that action did not justify whe use of the documents in another action against similar defendants and on closely related causes of action. Breach of an undertaking to the court consutured a contempt of court and an abuse of its process irrespective of the contempor's intentions.

Mr Justice Rimer so held in the Chancery Division on, inter alia, a summons issued by the third out an action commenced in 1995 by Roger George Miller and KC independent Trustees Ltd, the present trustees of Rockwoods Holdings plc Group Pensions Scheme, against Michael George Scorey and others, the original trustees, as having been prosecuted in circumstances which constituted a contempt of court and an abuse of its process.

Mr James Clifford for MIA: Miss Josephine Hayes for the

in 1993 the present trustees of the pension scheme commenced an action against the original trustees and others claiming, inter alia, an account of profits, alleged to be about E142,200, made as commission on an investment contract which they had wrongfully appro-priated to themselves in September

logy.

In July 1995, in the course of discovery in the 1993 action, MIA disclosed documents which suggested to the plaintiff trustees that there was a strong case that MIA and acid to the Concern and strong the course of the c had paid to Mr Scorey and some other original trustees £225,000 effectively as bribes.

On the basis of that information the plaintiff trustees issued a new writ on September 4, 1995 seeking to recover the £225,000. The 1995 action could not and would not have been launched at all but for the information discovered in the 1993 action. MIA now sought to strike out the

1995 action on the ground that it was started in breach of the implied undertaking given by the trustees not to use the documents disclosed in the 1993 action except for the purpose of the action in Miss Hayes accepted that her client became subject to an implied ments for any ulterior or collateral purpose and that, if they were minded to use them for some such purpose they would first have to obtain from the court an appropriate relaxation of their undertaking as was done in Sybron Corporation v Barclays Bank plc ([1985] Ch 299, 320H-321A). She submitted, however, that the

use of the documents for the

purposes of the 1995 action in-

lved no breach of the undertaking: that if the 1993 action had been amended to include the bribery claims, the disclosed document could have been used for the purposes of the new claim without the need to obtain leave: that electing instead to pursue the bribery claims by the 1995 action substance and that it made no sense that the use of the documents for such action could involve a breach of the undertaking whereas none would be involved by their

His Lordship saw the force of Miss Haves's general proposition on the particular facts but considered that it was not open for him to accept it. The authorities all spoke with one voice to the effect that the undertaking was that the disclosed would not be used otherwise than for the action in which they were disclosed.

purpose in the 1993 action.

Lord Oliver of Aylmerton had said in Crest Homes plc v Marks (1987) 1 AC 829, 853-854) that "to use a document obtained on discovery in one action as the foundation for a claim in a different and wholly unrelated proceeding would be a clear breach of the implied undertaking". That remark, when read in context, did not justify the use of documents in an action against certain of the same defendants and for a closely related, albeit dif-

ferent, cause of action. However, in a proper case, the court would give leave to use discovered documents in a separate action as in the Sybron case. Had the trustees applied to the court last August or in early September for such leave they would probably have obtained it. But the trustees did not do so. Therefore the prosecution of the 1995 action without leave had Home Office v Harman (1983) 1 AC 2800) and in consequence amounted to an abuse of the process of the court. Miss Hayes argued that her

clients had committed no such contempt because any breach of the undertaking was committed innocently and in ignorance of the fact that it involved a breach. She relied on sections 1 and 2 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981.

His Lordship disagreed. Sections 1 and 2 had nothing to do with the criteria which had to be satisfied before proof of a contemp in the nature of an alleged breach of an undertaking to the court was established. Those sections were concerned with alleged contempt of a different kind. The auestion of whether a con-

tempt in the nature of a breach of an undertaking to the court had been committed involved an essentially objective test requiring the determination of whether or not the alleged contempor had acted in manner constituting a breach. If he had, then a contempt would be established, regardless of whether or not he had acted contumaciously or with the direct intention of breaking his undertaking, although whether any, and if so what, punishment or other consequences ought to be imposed on him would or might be materially dependent on considerations of that sort.

Mr Clifford sought to strike out the 1995 action for the contempt which amounted to an abuse process and submitted that the court had no jurisdiction to grant the trustees a retrospective leave to use the offending documents so as to absolve them of their short-comings to date, alternatively if were such jurisdiction should not be exercised.

His Lordship did not find it necessary to decide whether he had a jurisdiction to grant leave retrospectively. It might be that the court did have some such jurisdiction but, if so, the circumstances in which it would be proper to exercise it would be rare.

However, the court could now accede to the trustees' request for leave to use the discovered documents for the purposes of a separate action raising the same claims as the 1995 action. There

would, therefore, be much to be said for declining to strike out the 1995 action and for giving leave to the trustees to make use of the documents for its further Such an order would, no doubt,

amount to a de facto validation of what had happened to date although the court could perhaps reflect its disapproval of that by making appropriate costs orders. The significance of the choice on the facts was that as the original defaults complained of took place

in September 1989, if the trustees

were compelled to issue new

proceedings MIA would be able to

raise a delence under the Limitation Act 1980 whereas if the 1995 action was allowed to remain it In his Lordship's judgment that consideration pointed to the conclusion that he ought to strike the 1995 action out. To allow the trustees to continue to prosecute that action, and in consequence to deny MIA the opportunity of raising a limitation defence would

His Lordship did not consider that the court ought to subscribe to that and accordingly made an order that the writ and statement of claim in the 1995 action be struck out as against MIA and Mr

be to allow the trustees to take

unfair advantage of their own

Solicitors: Beachcroft Stanleys; Blake Lapthorn for Clifton Ingram, Wokingham.

**LEGAL NOTICES** 

#### Boote (Inspector of Taxes) v Mr Christopher McCall, QC, for The provision was entirely apt to Gillis for the bank.

Banco do Brasil SA Before Mr Jusice Blackburne Judgment March 8j

For corporation tax purposes an overseas bank carrying on business in the United Kingdom was prohibited by section 50(1) of the Finance Act 1976 from carrying forward for set-off against profits in later periods losses of £9.5

million accruing in 1974 and 1975. Mr Justice Blackburne so held in the Chancery Division when allowing an appeal by case stated from a determination by Mr T. H. K. Everett, a special commissioner, upholding claims by Banco do Brasil SA to set the losses against its profits in accounting periods ended December 1976 to Decemthe Crown; Mr Graham extend to tax-exempt interest re-

Tax set-off not available

MR JUSTICE BLACKBURNE said that the losses arose from the bank's right under article XV of the 1946 UK/USA Double Taxation Agreement ISR & O 1946 No 1327. as amended by SI 1966 No 1188) and the decision in IRC v Commerzbank AG [1990] STC 285) to exclude from its profits interest payments received in respect of loans to US corporations.

By section 50(1) of the 1976 Act. interest treated as tax-exempt under double taxation arrangements was not to be excluded from trading income of the banking business so as to give rise to losses to be set off against profits arising on or after April 15, 1976.

ceived prior to the Act con force. That construction gave to the

section an element of retrospectivity in that losses hitherto available for set-off ceased to be so available on or after April 15, 1976. Any unfairness was to be balanced against Parliament's inten-

tion to remedy a state of affairs that it regarded as calling for correction, that is, the creation of losses available for ser-off against income through the exclusion of taxexempt receipts from trading income by persons not resident in the UK but who carried on here one of the businesses specified in section

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Hammond Suddard.

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#### Threat at a distance Here the defendant had tele-

Director of Public Prosecutions v Mills Before Lord Justice Otton and Mr Justice Jowitt

Lindgment March 8] Where a person did or threatened an act which intimidated another person so as to commit an offence under section 51(1) of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 it was not necessary for both offender and victim to be physically present at the time.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing a prosecution appeal by way of case stated from Barking Justices who on October 18, 1995 found that there was no case to answer because threats made over the telephone did not fall within section 51(1). Mr John McGuinness for the

prosecution; Miss Margaret Barnes for the defendant. MR JUSTICE JOWITT said that section 51(1) embraced acts done.

and 51(2) acts done or threats made to a victim in the presence of both offender and victim. An act could fall into both those subsections depending on the facts. The offence also embraced an act or threat set in train by the

offender which took effect whether

the victim was present or not, for

example, letters and telephone

phoned the victim who was assisting in a criminal investigation, and during the course of the conversation had made various threats which had been intended to intimi date the victim and thereby pervert the course of justice. There was no difference between a letter and a telephone call where either was sent and received by a victim; both fell within section 51(1). It was necessary to look at the mischief at which the section was

aimed. The manifest purpose of section 51(3) was to enlarge section 51(1) and (2) to include circumstances where an act or threat was indirect in that it was made to a victim via a third person. If the words ". . . not only where the act is done in the presence of that other..." in section 51(3) could have been read as limiting the preceding subsections, the offending act would have had to have been performed in the presence of the victim from start to finish. Such an interpretation was in-

against a person's property Furthermore such an interpretation would have deprived the section of much of its utility. Lord Justice Otton agreed. Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

Service, Special Casework Unit;

Sternberg Reed, Barking.

compatible with the wording of

section 51(4) which referrred to acts

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

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A new show, Ben Nicholson and Two Wives, provides rare and rewarding insights



TOMORROW

A proper view of St Paul's? Marcus Binney on the growing scandal of Paternoster Square

SUCH was the glamour of the alliance between Britain's two most famous and gifted abstract artists, Ben Nicholson and Barbara Hepworth. that his previous wife, Winifred (Roberts), has tended to be left out of the equation almost as completely as Hepworth's previous husband. the sculptor John Skeaping. While one could claim that Skeaping, though in his own way talented, had no important place in the story of

modern art, the current exhibition at Crane Kalman, Ben Nicholson and Two Wives, is salutary reminder that Winifred was at the very least an important figure in Ben's formative years, and a remarkable artist in her own right. There are no clear-cut divisions in the lives of all three. True, the relationship between Ben's and Winifred's work is almost entirely on Ben's figurative side, while that between Ben's and Barbara's is largely on his abstract. There are some fine

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early landscapes where Ben's and Winifred's styles are so close that one has to look twice to be quite sure who painted what and who arrived at which point of development first. The works of Ben and Barbara on show are all first-class, but it is with Winifred's that one gets a real sense of discovery. Crane Kalman Gallery, 178 Brompton Road, SW3 (0171-584 3843) until May 4.

☐ Family relations of a less tangled nature are featured in Sumray and Sumray at the Boundary Gallery. The two Sumrays in question are Harman and Jason, father and son. Harman is now 76, Jason 34, but their styles of painting are not as different as one might imagine from the age difference. Jason's colour is cooler, his paint surface more agitated. Harmon's approach is more

closely related to the flat surface on which he paints. Jason is more interested in almost sculptural modelling. But their subject matter is very similar. Curiosity about Harman is gratified to some extent by a couple of earlier works like Figure with Bird (learus) of 1953, which looks very like the contemporary work of Colguhoun and Macbryde. Now it would be interesting to compare also the work of Harman's artisttwin Maurice. Boundary Gallery. 98 Boun-

dary Road, NW3 (0171-624) 1126), until April 20. ☐ More happy families in Joan Warburton: Portrait of a Lifetime at Sally Hunter. Joan Warburton, like Harman Sumray, was born in 1920, and — perhaps the

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to Essex, back near Morris and his partner Lett Haines. One of the most striking works in the show is a drawing by Warburton of O'Malley in 1945; at a glance one would immediately suppose it to be the work of Lucian Freud, whose time at the Morris school overlapped by at least a year with Warburton's. It is clear that Morris's influence on all his pupils has been strong and far-reaching, extending to the vibrant colours they employ as well as the sophisticatedly simple graphic style. To this day. Warburton retains these qualities, and the most recent still-lifes are also the most charming.

ing in 1937. In 1945 she met

and married the potter Peter

O'Malley, and after some

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## Richard Cork assesses a champion of Impressionism's own work



In Le Pont de l'Europe (1876), Gustave Caillebotte "conveyed his fascination with Paris's changing structure"

# The collector's items

ike many admirers of Impressionism. I first came across Gustave Caillebotte as a donor's name attached to paintings by other, more celebrated artists. Masterpieces like Manet's The Balcony or Renoir's Ball at the Moulin de la Galette, now among the most prized canvases in the French national collections, arrived there through Caillebotte's generosity and pioneering belief in the Impressionist cause. But they nearly did

not enter the public domain at all. In 1894, after a stroke killed him at the age of 45, his will disclosed that he had left around 60 works by Degas, Cezanne. Monet and other leading Impressionists to the State. They amounted, as Caillebotte himself knew, to a challenge: these paintings were still reviled by many powerful curators, and they reacted to his bequest with hostility. Only after rejecting some pictures, including important Cézannes, did they agree that the rest could be displayed - not in the Louvre, but the Musée du Luxembourg. And when these 1897, many viewers denounced them as rubbish. The first group of Impressionist paintings ever to be exhibited in a French museum, they bore the brunt of public hostility to a movement which has only gained its present popularity during the

present century. Caillebotte, however, was far more than a wealthy and discerning collector. As the Royal Academy's new exhibition discloses, he was also a substantial artist in his own right. The Impressionists' first exhibition of 1874 was a revelation to him. and two years later his fast-maturing work as a painter earned him an

invitation to take part in their next show. But, although respected by his allies, Caillebotte never enjoyed the renown they eventually gained. The Academy's survey is the first comprehensive exhibition of his work to be held in Britain, and even today he remains an unfamiliar name. An initial look at the paintings assembled here helps to explain why. Caillebotte lacked the essential definess of touch, the ability to improvise and beguile, which accounts for Impressionism's enduring appeal. He is a thoughtful and diligent artist, largely unconcerned with seducing the viewer.

Caillebotte thrived on the tensions of urban life. His true individuality only comes to the fore when he defines the unease of Parisian streets and interiors. If Renoir rejoiced in the pleasures of metropolitan existence, Calllebotte was not afraid to explore the more disquieting sides of life in the French capital.

The exhibition has not, unfortunately, been able to borrow his greatest urban painting - the monumental Paris Street: Rainy Day, now presiding over its room in the Art Institute of Chicago. But the Academy does boast Le Pont de l'Europe. which Caillebotte displayed with the Chicago canvas at the third Impressionist show in 1877. Taking as his subject a recently constructed iron bridge, which boldly connected six streets in a radial design, he conveyed his fascination with

the city's rapidly changing structure. Caillebotte grew up in Paris during the Second Empire, witnessing the transformarion, brought about by Napoleon III and his enterprising prefect of Paris. Baron Haussmann. By carving \$5 miles of grand boulevards through the slums, Haussmann created a hygienic and formidably well-organised urban network where revolutionary barricades



Art of a city: an 1880 image of Balcony (Boulevard Hausmann)

could no longer be erected with ease. The boulevards were the last word in modernised uniformity, and in his Rainy Day canvas Caillebotte coolly conveyed the vastness of damp thoroughfares where pedestrians, protected by umbreilas, seem marooned within their impersonal new surroundings.

The weather is far brighter in the Pont de l'Europe canvas, but sunshine does not tempt Caillebotte to adopt a more hedonistic approach. In a carefully planned composition, he places us on the bridge and uses powerful spatial recession to lead our eyes towards the distant smoke from a train below. The fierce criss-cross patterns of the bridge's metal spans, and the equally stern blue shadows they cast on the pavement, cut a diagonal path through the painting. They appear to symbolise the strength of the industrial age, and Caillebotte relishes their ability to splinter the views of the city beyond.

After a while, though, the mighty iron girders take on a more oppressive air.

• Gustave Cailleborte at the Royal Academy
They stamp themselves on the image like \_\_\_\_\_ (0171-494 5015) until June 23

prison bars, and appear to affect the spirits of the ruminative worker who gazes through them. His loose, well-worn clothes and sagging stance contrast with the crispness of the top-hatted gentleman walking towards us. Caillebotte, like Manet before him, was fascinated by the disparity between the social classes found on the streets. But the seeming respectability of the well-dressed boulevardier is compromised by the presence, just behind him, of a lady with a parasol. Fashionably attired, she looks across at him; while he, pausing, glances back at her. Caillebotte leaves us to speculate about the possibility that she is a courtesan on the prowl, and the dog waving its tail in the foreground acts as a frisky reminder of animal

appetites. However many reservations Caillebotte may have harboured about modern city life, he probably regarded the streets as a release from the constriction of home. The most elaborate of these images, Luncheon, could hardly be more stifling. The artist's mother, a grave and white-haired polished dining table, is served by the family butler. Caillebotte's brother Rene seems oblivious of her presence, however. He has already demolished most of the food on his plate. The abundance of crystal decanters and goblets glittering around him testifies to considerable prosperity, but no amount of expensive tableware can compensate for the sense of distance between mother and son in this forlorn painting.

They are as isolated from each other as the two pedestrians stranded on a traffic island in the Boulevard Haussmann, the subject of a remarkably daring picture. Viewed from a precipitously high vantage, so that the bare oval of the island is asserted in all its geometric severity, the scene separates the minuscule men with an expanse of white emptiness. The fact that they face in opposite directions increases their solitude, and the absence from the encircling road of anything others than a swiftly brushed carriage increases

the eeriness. This is the most uncompromisingly modern of all Caillebotte's paintings, and its semi-abstract spareness could hardly be more removed from the meticulous clutter of Luncheon. They represent the two extremes in Caillebotte's art, united by a prescient awareness of the gathering alienation in late 19th-century life.

Although his subsequent work reveals a sad waning of intensity and ambition, the images Caillebotte produced during the 1870s deserve to be counted among the most challenging products of the movement he did so much to support.

# New perspective on tradition

Tounded towards the end of the last century as an alternative to the Royal Academy, the New English Art Club initially brought together a group of young painters trained in France and inspired by the "pleinairisme" - open-air painting - of

Bastien-Lepage and the Barbizon School. In English terms, they represented the end of the narrative painting so firmly espoused by the Royal Academy at the time.

Early members included Walter Sickert, Wilson Steer, Stanhope Forbes, John Singer Sargent, Paul Nash and William Orpen. Some of them mellowed with age and became Royal Academicians themselves. Later new blood included Augustus John and then Gwen John.

The president of the Royal Academy, Frederic Leighton, went to the opening of what was intended to be the first of Simon Tait on a group of artists still passionately committed to

drawing and painting from nature

at the Marlborough Galleries in 1886. "The second year will try, the third probably dis-band them," he predicted

dismissively. But the New English survived, and has had its open exhibition more or less annually, though relatively obscurely in the postwar decades. "After the 1940s and 1950s," says Tom Coates, a long-standing member, "something went wrong and it lost its point a bit. There were some odd elections and it got rather dingy, rather difficult to see how we were different

from any other artists' club." A century on and the club is holding a short sale exhibition

the club's annual exhibitions at the Fine Art Society which, it is hoped, will raise £100,000 for its pastoral role as a

peripatetic drawing school. The point is that few art schools are teaching drawing any more, and one of our principles is that drawing is at the root of everything," says Jason Bowyer, who travels the country teaching "anyone who wants to hold a pencil" on behalf of the New English. His father is William Bowyer, secretary of the New English - in its democratic style, there is no president but a secretary. a treasurer and a keeper.

There are more than 70 members now, all elected by the members, and there is still an annual open exhibition.

usually at the Mall Galleries. also selected by the whole membership. Abstract painters are welcome, provided their work is inspired by the same natural influences as the

figurative artists. The annual open almost did not survive the recession, but Marks & Spencer came to the rescue with sponsorship. Christie's has also pitched in, paying for the catalogue.

"We're not here as a fogeyish reminder of the 1890s," said Bill Bowyer, We're passionate about the

disciplines of figurative art.

"I'll defend the right of anyone to paint a daffodil in 👺 milk jug now as much as in 1886. That doesn't change, As long as it's a reasonably good daffodil."

■ The New English Art Club 2000. an exhibition and silent auction. is at the Fine Art Society, 148 New Bond Street, London W1 (017) 629

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■ THEATRE

No more beating about the Bush: the brilliant young Dominic Dromgoole spreads his wings



MUSIC 1

Controversial but compelling: Pierre Boulez reveals a fresh approach to Mahler

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MUSIC 2

Winner by a mile: Rafal Payne dazzles at the BBC Young Musician



DANCE

**English National** Ballet brings a spirited updating of Giselle to the Coliseum

POP

## Ghosts on the attack

THE real delight of English National Ballet's Giselle is not the gimmicky first act, where Giselle is a chambermaid in 1920s Austria and Albrecht drives a Rolls-Royce, but the wonderfully atmospheric sec-ond act, where the company's true strengths are revealed.

It wasn't long ago that ENB couldn't muster a creditable line-up of Wilis (or swans for that matter), a fairly critical problem for a company that makes its living out of the classics. But if Derek Deane has done just one thing to validate his appointment as artistic director three years ago, that one thing must be whip-ping his dancers into shape.

Thursday's performance (the London premiere of Deane's production) fielded an impressive lineup of Willis whose uniformity and com-mitment provided a thrilling backbone to the drama. They really were a creepy troupe of avenging females on the ram-

> Giselle/ **Square Dance** Coliseum

page, their black eyes and white faces summoning up images of vampires. Josephine Jewkes, as Myrtha, led them with fierce determination - not a ghost to be

Dmitri Gruzdyev, who made 22 strong impact in the first half with his robust Hilarion, went for broke in Act II. His daring backward leap, as Hilarion is dispatched to death by the Wilis, was so effectively executed that there were those in the audience who feared for Gruz-

Lisa Pavane is an accom-

plished dancer, her gentleness belying her physical strength. Her Giselle made all the right moves, although there was nothing out of the ordinary about her interpretation. Thomas Edur, on the other hand, treated us to his extraordinary classicism. As Albrecht, the refinement of his dancing should have been a giveaway from the start - no one dances like this except an aristocrat. Edur's beats in his dance of death were textbookperfect, yet even in the grip of such an exhausting technical feat he still managed to plead

Albrecht's case beautifully. Deane's production is meant to be fun, although I suspect the decision to update the ballet to the Twenties and set it in a country hotel full of skiers (designs by Charles Cusick-Smith) has more to do With the design possibilities of vintage cars and furry hats than with any dramatic logic. There were no designs to speak of in Balanchine's sublime Square Dance, which

opened the bill. This is pure dancing at its most ecstatic, as Balanchine marries the highspirited communality of American folk dancing to the glamorous sophistication of neo-classical ballet. The whole thing is set — gloriously — to music by Corelli and Vivaldi. Ambra Vallo, in particular, got the measure of the choreography, sparkling like one of the diamond earrings that adorn Balanchine's women.

DEBRA CRAINE

# Moses leaves burning Bush

Dominic Dromgoole tells Benedict Nightingale why he quit the pub theatre he made a success

n 1990 the 25-year-old Dominic Dromgoole cheekily applied for the job of artistic director at the Bush, in west London. Since leaving Cambridge five years earlier, he had read scripts for the theatre and been that all-purpose dogsbody called an assistant director, but he had never staged a play there. Indeed, his only professional productions had been a couple of pieces at a much less prestigious London pub theatre, the Old Red Lion, in Islington.
"But I did the best interview

I've ever done, and they took a wild gamble on me," Dromgoole says. "They thought they could either get an established director and go on the same way, which wasn't working at the time, or they could get in a hooligan and, if he made a mess, tell him to shove off. Fortunately, the mess came out all right."
Indeed it did. We hear a

good deal these days about an explosion of new writing at Stephen Daldry's Royal Court and its Theatre Upstairs; but Dromgoole might have been hiding his light rather than displaying it at the Bush for all the public ado his impending departure has caused. That is a pity. Whatever the success of his valedictory production of Samuel Adamson's Clocks and Whistles, which opens tonight, he has moved a stagnant theatre to the centre of British theatre's volcanic

Since January 1991, the creative fires at Shepherds Bush have been throwing up ten plays a year, most of them lish premieres, and virtually all by unknown writers. That is more than twice the number staged by the previous regime. and is matched by a rise in audiences and takings. Turnover is £600,000 compared with £300,000 in 1990, and some 75 per cent of the theatre's 130 seats are now being sold, compared with about 25 per cent before.

The discoveries include Naomi Wallace, Richard Cameron, Simon Bent, Philip Ridley. David Ashton and Jonathan Harvey, whose Beautiful Thing went on to conquer the West End and is to become a film. In 1987 Dromgoole

found Billy Roche's Handful of Stars in the slush-pile and recommended its production. thus launching not only the trilogy that culminated in the marvellous Belfry at the Bush in 1991, but one of the most luminous careers of our era.

Attention to the slush-pile, as both publishers and theatres call the myriad unsolicited scripts that clutter their boxrooms, is one of the secrets of the resurgent Bush's suc-cess. Starting with Roche and Harvey, writer after writer has come from this improbable source. Dromgoole's own opening production was Our Own Kind, originally a half-

**6** We have no aesthetic, social or political agenda. Talent is all 9

finished play penned as a therapeutic exercise by Roy MacGregor after a stint in an alcoholism clinic. He is now a thriving TV dramatist, as is Lucy Gannon, another slushpile pioneer. A sharp eye for talent has

played its part in the Bush's rebirth, but so has luck and response to cultural change. When Dromgoole took over. the fashion was for classic revivals and what he calls "big swish physical productions". 'New drama was in retreat The plays seemed to be rather dry, arid and intellectual. Also, there was a tremendous amount of victim drama. You were meant to look at suffering characters and say, 'Oh, "I thought this was ill-

equipped to deal with the new world emerging in the 1990s. We wanted something juicier, more energetic and textured, with more exciting language. I also thought it was time we put the aggressor onstage instead of asking the audience to spend its time being sympathetic. But above all, I thought we should ask the writers what they wanted to do, and let them do it. We have no aesthetic, social or political agenda. Following talent is

Products of the policy have ranged from Bent's recent Goldhawk Road, which hilar-iously packed a family of spivs, drones and misanthropes into a shabby flat supposedly sited just down the street from the Bush itself, to Wallace's scorching Great Plague play One Flea Spare, to White Woman Street, Sebastian Barry's tale of banditry in America. The last of these introduced London to the author of The Steward of Christendom and demonstrated the extraordinary flexibility of the Bush.

That has become more marked than ever during Dromgoole's tenure. A few square yards, bounded on two sides by steep rakes of notably uncomfortable square cushions, has become a church and beliry, a swimming pool, and, in the case of White Woman Street, Ohio forests and trails. "Yes, and people riding horses, shooting pigs, going to the whorehouse ... We tell writers they don't have to be reductive. They can be as ambitious and wild as they like. It's up to us to match their imaginations." With the Bush in full spate,

why is Dromgoole leaving? As he rather improbably describes it, he decided to hand in his notice during a dullish board meeting, and, when he did, his fellowmembers said: "Oh, are you going?". "I honestly believe that people in charge of a public institution should be thrown out after five or six years," he says. "I try to be as effective as I can but I do exercise my own taste, and I think it's an abuse of public money if a theatre reflects one person's taste for too long."
So Mike Bradwell will be

moving into the Bush this summer while Dromgoole moves out, to do some freelance directing and, he hopes, put together some film projects. "I adore the place. I love the way you can walk out of that terrific pub bar and go straight into the theatre. [1] miss it a lot. But it's time to • Clocks and Whistles opens at the Bush, Shepherds Bush Green. W12 (0181-743 3388) tonight



CONCERTS: Authority of a veteran Russian conductor; a new star violinist is discovered; unconventional Mahler

ONLY weeks after making his Western debut at the age of 92, the veteran Russian conductor llya Musin returned to London on Friday and Saturday for a further two appearances. As mentor of almost every notable Russian conductor, and teacher of several Westerners, he was replacing one former pupil, the indisposed Valery Gergiev, and sharing the podium with another, Sian Edwards.

Musin opened Saturday's concert with a noble account of Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture. Its steady authority bore all the hallmarks of the old Russian school — Musin's own teacher, Nikolay Malko, had himself been a Glazunov and Rimsky-Korsakov pupil.

After the spare, fluid beat he

demonstrated in Tchaikovsky's subdued first section, the energy with which he unleashed potent climaxes came

## Stamp of old Russia

RPO/Musin/ **Edwards** Barbican

as a surprise. It was his shaping of the piece that told: the broad warmth of the love theme and the careful placing of the final chords were conducting lessons in themselves. It would have been wonderful to hear Musin do Shosta-

kovich - the two men enrolled

on the same day at the St

but the First Violin Concerto is a long, tiring work. Sian Edwards accompanied Vadim Repin considerately, perhaps too much: the sprawling first movement needed firmer control, and ensemble in the fast movements was not always secure. Repin was a thoughtful soloist, but he played with seemingly boundless virtuosiin the Scherzo and ty in the Burlesque.

grammes were designed to complement the Barbican's Diaghilev exhibition, and in the second one Edwards conducted a glowing Firebird. Her interpretation had enchanted mystery. The big "numbers" went well, especially the brilliant Infernal Dance and haunting Lullaby, but from start to finish this was a performance full of subtle shadings.

Both the RPO's pro-

JOHN ALLISON

## Polish student takes a bow

THERE has never been a more accomplished BBC Young Musician than Rafal Payne. Born in Poland 18 years ago, now resident in Aberdeen and a violin student at the Yehudi Menuhin School, he was both the popular favourite and the expert selection. He was so far ahead of the competition in the concerto final that there would surely have been a demonstration if the jury hadn't come to the same conclusion as every-

This does not necessarily mean that he is a better instrumentalist than, say, Katy Price, the 17-year-old trombonist, or Sam Walton, the 18-year-old percussionist. The unfortunate fact is that in a depressingly uninteresting work like Gordon Jacob's

**BBC Young Musician Final** Birmingham/BBC2

Trombone Concerto or even Richard Rodney Bennett's Percussion Concerto, which is resourceful but inevitably limited in its scoring for mainly unpitched instruments, it is scarcely possible to tell what kind of musician the soloist is. Rafal Payne left some questions unanswered in Khachaturian's Violin Concerto. But he did respond to the inspiration and charm of the work and he negotiated the many technical problems with remarkable aplomb.

The violinist might not have been so far ahead of the other

string players. The television programmes on BBC2 last week devoted to the instrumental finals were necessarily elective but there seemed to be some particularly promising material among the pianists and the woodwind players. The piano finalist, Julien Cheriyan, gave a thoughtful performance of the Grieg concerto but it was just too big for him. Mozart's Bassoon Concerto was similarly undercharacterised by

concerto finalists if the adjudi-

cation in all sections had been

as perceptive as it was for the

Benjamin Hudson.
All the finalists were accompanied with professional efficiency by the National Youth Orchestra under Ivor Bolton.

GERALD LARNER

#### Petersburg Conservatory Boulez strikes a new chord with Mahler



PIERRE BOULEZ is a man of constant surprises. After three decades (1962-92) in which he and the Vienna Philharmonic made no music together, he has begun a new relationship with the orchestra. He has also begun a fresh relationship with Mahler. His interpretation of the Sixth Symphony was released last year, the Seventh is due

out in May, and on Sunday he unveiled his thoughts on the Fifth. It was an intriguing mix the most voluntuous orchestra under the most cerebral conductor in some of the most neurone music ever composed. But is Mahler's emotional universe necessarily defined by neurosis? This was only one question posed by Boulez.

He began with a funeral march whose tread suggested not grim determination but self-awareness: a journey undertaken in pensive mood. But if there was not overt emotionalism. there was in its place a complex of finely calibrated tensions. And, most revelatory of all, was the new light in which Mahler's textures emerged. With solo instruments perfectly bal-

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blended, and strings capable of infinite shadings, one did not know which to admire more: the musicians' virtuosi-

ty or the conductor's impeccable ear. An overwhelming brass-topped climax aside, the second movement was notable less for a generalised "stormy", vehement" character (the score markings) than for another, skilfully plotted structure of cumulative energies. Most radical of all were the third and fourth movements. The Scherzo lacked the earthy vulgarity usually considered de rigueur, while the elegance of the waltz-like Trio was enough to cause one to harbour the bizarre fantasy of Boulez leading the Viennese at one of their new year's concerts.

Instead of adopting the now fashionable faster tempo in the Adagietto Boulez, lingered over every phrase. Yet there was no trace of sentimentality: rather a miraculously controlled contemplation of infinity. It took us time to come to terms with Boulez's Wagner in anced, wind choirs harmoniously the Sixties. Now, 30 years on he is

challenging us with Vienna PO/Boulez an unconventional LPO/Rozhdestvensky approach to Mahler. A few weeks ago, Festival Hall Mark Elder and the

BBC Symphony Orchestra showed us that the idealistic young Shostakovich could respond with enthusiasm to texts celebrating "October, the Commune and Lenin" in his choral Second Symphony. Last Thursday, Gennadi Rozhdestvensky and the London Philharmonic forced us to consider the possibility that even as late as 1961 Shostakovich might have been prepared to celebrate the Russian Revolution in a Utopian spirit.

The work was the Twelfth Symphony, subtitled "The Year 1917", and dedicated to Lenin's memory. Certainly the symphony evokes revolutionary ferment. It also has an undeniably idealistic strain running through it.

On the other hand, the composer's son, Maxim, has spoken of the music's universal message (revolutionary struggle as a constant feature of history) and his widow, Irina, has suggested that he wished to describe

Pushkin's vision of an ideal ruler. Whatever the truth, Rozhdestvensky's full-blooded performance hinted

at no ironies. The Utopianism was moving, and even the triumphal peroration, which can sound hollow. drew a vociferous response from the audience.

Before the interval, a different Russian soul was bared. Dmitri Alexeev and Rozhdestvensky launched the initial variations of Rachmaninov's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini with taut, muscular rhythms. Together pianist and conductor charted a journey through the flatter keys to the more mellow, emotional territory at the work's heart. When they reached the famous 18th variation, passion was held in check until it could be contained no longer. The performance ended with a typical Rozhdestvensky gesture. For the work's throwaway ending he turned to the audience. throwing his arms in the air as though blowing a kiss. Good theatre, but also superb music-making.

BARRY MILLINGTON

## **Pearls** in the treacle

surrounding Heather Nova which does not always work to her advantage. Her third album, Oyster, has quietly sold 400,000 copies since it was released at the end of 1994. But despite receiving a measure of critical approval, her media profile remains much lower than such a sales figure would suggest, especially given her obviously photogenic looks.

Born in Bermuda in 1967. the singer and songwriter has taken a musical tack that is somewhat out of sync with the prevailing trend for mainstream artists, such as Alanis Morissette, Garbage and Sheryl Crow, who favour a firm, even aggressive delivery.

On stage at ULU, Nova and her four-piece band were hathed in gloomy washes of colour and constantly revolving patterns reminiscent of the psychedelic lightshows invented in clubs such as the Middle Earth in the Sixties. "You

> **Heather Nova** ULU, WC2

know that dream when your feet won't move, you want to come but your body won't let you?" she sang in *Island*, a harrowing song about the effects of domestic violence. The trouble was that Nova's whole show was a bit like that - dreamy and ethereal, but at times like wading through a vat of dark treacle. Her voice was extraordi-

nary - delicately soaring and dipping like birdsong and producing an effect not unlike the squeaking of dolphins during the coda of Blue Black. Her four-piece band, which featured the melancholy celloplaying of Nadia Lanman and the wispy distortions of a guitarist called Bic, provided the sort of heavily textured rock sound that was much in favour during the shoegazing era. The effect, especially on slower numbers such as Heal, was somewhere between classic Cocteau Twins and the Cranberries on Mogadon. Accompanied only by cello

and her own guitar, Nova sang Neil Young's Like a Hurricane as if her life depended on it. But even during such moments of passion, she remained self-contained and introverted, as if addressing the song to her own inner being as opposed to the audience who had paid to hear it.

The fragile beauty of Walk This World, Maybe an Angel and the new single, Truth and Bone, brought out the best in both Nova and her band. while a solo acoustic secruence of "encores" underlined her ear for a tune. But a little more projection and punch would not go amiss if she is now to build on the sturdy foundations laid down with Oyster.

DAVID SINCLAIR

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A WEEK'S WORTH The Almeida offers up a roal treal this week, a series offers up a roal treat this week, a series of solo performances by the manyellous inner Worth, 80 this year. Three separate programmes. A Portrait of Edith Wharton Programmes is Gypses and The Laters of Sand and Flaubert (with Peter Eyre). Alterelda, Arneida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Whatton Apr. 3 and 6, 8pm; Gypsies. Apr. 2 and 4, 8pm; Sand. Apr. 5, 8pm and Apr. 6, 4pm.

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NEW RELEASES

#### TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

ELSEWHERE BAGNOR: Opening right for Helen Ryan and Al Matthews as gruff lyrant and black chauffeur in Driving Mass Daisy, Altred Unry's touching and delightful Putter Proteimner. Warternald (01635 46044) Tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. May 11.5.30pm. mats thron for Al Thirs. 11, 6 30pm, mats (from Apr 6) Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm Until May 11

GLASGOW Scottish Opera has secured the fine French soprano isabe vernet for the title role of Alceste, Varnet for the title rate of Auceste, Gluch's great reform opera. His beautiful simplicity" demands both face projection of simple lines from the singers, and concentration on a plot of a vornan prepared to die in her husband's place — Mark Padmoru plays the husband, Nicholas McGegan conducts and Yannis Kokilos is the producer-designer. producer-designer.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street (0141-332 9000) Tonight and Thurs, 7 15pm. GUILDFORD: Donald Sinder returns to the stage for the premiere of N.J. Crisp's That Good Night. A

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# end in stalemate

Soft-core pawns

en years after it first opened, Chess is trying for a come-back, having been reworked during its travels round the world. This production, staged by the choreographer Anthony van Laast, is touring the UK. Chess was the creation of a big-shot collaboration: Tim Rice joined forces with Andersson and Ulvaeus, Abba's Benny and Bjorn. The result. however, was chequered: a hit-

and-miss musical. The story is the main problem. Two Grand Masters get embroiled in a sketchy love triangle while squaring up in a tournament which is, in turn, becoming confused (to put it mildly) with political moves between America and the Soviet Union. At the first championship, the Russian Sergievsky wins the match and the heart of Trumper's woman, our Anglo-Hungarian heroine Florence Vassy (Jacqui Scott, who shines). Sergievsky (Mau-rice Clarke) smartly defects to the West.

We jump to the next year, in Thailand (where one can sing to a different tune). Trumper (Bogdan Kominowski) turns up, not playing chess but apparently in cahoots with a TV commentator who must be something to do with the CIA. Mrs Sergievsky materialises, vaguely tied up with the KGB and Sergievsky's second, Molokov (Nicholas Pound). Suddenly Sergievsky is heading back East, leaving Florence to ensure the release of her hitherto irrelevant father. These Cold War manoeuvres remain scrambled, and now they look out of date as well.

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Chess Orchard, Dartford

However, Rice's lyrics aren't bad, supplying some nice tongue-in-cheek internal rhymes. The closing message. that you cannot rely on relationships, unsentimentally resists the upbeat. The opening also offers a bit of a surprise, kicking off with an encyclopaedic history of the board game, set to a tune. This musical may aspire to seriousness in its echoes of Tchaikovsky and Russian choirs, but ultimately does so only superficially. The company's performance is polished. Robin Wagner's design, like a great glass box, lit by Ross Corbett, is less gaudy than many a musical set. A ghostly choir sings in potent harmony in the half-light. But tackiness will seep in. They move on to the chessboard floor, which lights up and starts spinning and tilting.

The Streets of Bangkok, the red-light number, falls flat. Kominowski strains vocally and Pity the Child, the bully's wailing solo about his wretched formative years, is a preposterous insert. Still, Benny and Bjorn do score several hits en route: I Know Him So Well, the ladies' double love song; the emotional swell of Someone Else's Story; and the climactic final blast of Nobody's on Nobody's Side.



KATE BASSETT Your move: Nicholas Pound and Maurice Clarke in the touring Chess

#### OPERA: Coherent dramatic statement from a group of oddballs; victorious evening from AD 9

## **Encore for** loony tunes

**English Eccentrics** Morley College

MALCOLM WILLIAMSON certainly didn't fit into the fiercely modernist 1960s. He would insist on writing horrible things called "tunes", and composing in a tonal musical language derived - or so critics at the time those of the Richards Strauss and Rodgers. With the vantage of hindsight. Poulenc and Ibert might be closer to the mark, but his style is too personal for such pat pigeonholing.

English Eccentrics was first performed at the 1964 Aldeburgh Festival in tandem with Britten's Curley River. Geoffrey Dunn's clever libretto takes a galere of oddballs from Edith Sitwell's study of the same name, and welds their eccentricities into coherent dramatic statement way beyond the "opera-revue" that the material initially suggests. Musically, the two short acts have purposeful shape, moving from farce that does not preclude compassion to pathos. The first shows Sarah Whitehead haunting the Bank of England, whom she believes responsible for her financial ruin, and the second the aged Beau Brummell being carted off to an asylum by women in white coats (two nuns, actually) to a

smashing "big tune".

Composed for an experienced and starry cast (Anna Pollak, Owen Brannigan, April Cantelo, John Fryatt), this was a big challenge for Morley Opera last week, and one bravely met. The conductor William Lacey made the most of Williamson's ingenious scoring for a chamber orchestra of seven, and the producer Christopher Cowell controlled the mood shifts from grotesquerie to tragedy with tact. The narrating vocal quartet, confined to the pit at Aldeburgh, were moved to the e, one of them representing Dame Edith herself (the tenor, which seemed a bit unkind).

Claire Mitcher was duly touching as Sarah Whitehead, and Orlando Schenk made every word tell both as the ageing erotomaniac Thomas Parr and as Philip Thicknesse, the ornamental hermit evicted from his hermitage. Kevin Loe gave an outsize impersonation of the Creole actor Romeo Coates, and Stephen Trowell's waxwork Brummell melted into senile dementia to grand effect. English Eccentrics haunted me 30 years ago, and haunts me still. As we move into a oluralist, if not a Post-Modernist, age the time could well be ripe for a fullscale Williamson revival.

RODNEY MILNES

## Triumph out of failure

A CRITIC should never overdo the homework. When contemplating Handel's Arminio, I turned up a tome or two only to discover that I had let myself in for one of "Handel's greatest operatic failures". But anyone who ared to visit the Royal College of Music last week may not have been altogether disappointed.

occupation in AD 9 and thereby helped to halt the expansionist policy of Augustus. Plenty of conflict between the ties of blood and love. And human nature ensures that there can be a contemporary subtext to fit any and Fuchs, is to be congratulated on not setting it all in Chechenia.

As it is, the Germano-Celts wear vegetable-dyed patural fabrics, while the Romans are the ones with navy greatcoats and guns. With Andrea Carr's sets relying on the cracked backdrop and the tilting pillar, the delights of the evening tended to be almost exclusively for the ear. And these were considerable. The last act duet of Arminio and Tusnelda, his wife, is a duel in an austere crown, a score which the 4th Earl of Shaftesbury remarked at its premiere in 1737 is "rather grave, but correct and labour'd in the highest degree".

Denys Darlow, conducting the period instruments of the London Handel Orchestra, saw to it that the evening matched the Earl's description to a nicety. His cast, from the Opera Department of the London Royal Schools' Vocal Faculty (this was a copresentation with the London Handel Society) were put through some pretty rigorous paces. Arminio himself and his brother-in-law, Sigismondo, have most of the best tunes: the mellifluous American counter-tenor, Lawrence Zazzo, acquitted himself with valour in some truly tortuous arias, and Jeni Bern's boyish soprano brought tender. highly musical phrasing to a role torn between love, friendship, duty and simply concentrating on the notes.

Richard Morrison (not ours) was impressive as the dastardly collaborator. Segeste, James Rutherford a powerful, double-talking Tullio. Kathryn Turpin's mezzo lashed out as Arminio's sister Ramise, and Franzita Whelan held centre stage as Arminio's valiant wife Trusnelda, her soprano lustrous, unflagging and destined for certain victory.

HILARY FINCH

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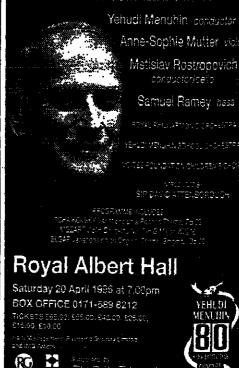
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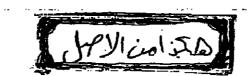
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# Hills proves the virtue of patience

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ven the weather was in an April Fool's Day mood on the Faringdon Road gallops yesterday, high above the Lambourn Downs. The sun dared to peak through the clouds as several million counds worth of Barry Hillstrained two-year-olds braved winds which belonged more to the Arctic than a spring morning in England.

This is a game of patience, I ell you," Hills, nattily dressed as ever in burgundy-coloured iscket, corduroy jodhpurs and polished brogues, said. "If you do too much with them in this weather it looks as though you have knocked them about and they look as though they have had it. They go back on you. and you can see it. You just

The same virtue applies to backing horses as well as training them and few hanlers have been more successal than Hills down the years in masterminding successful gambles :

The monster touch he enjoyed on Frankincense in the 1968 Lincoln, which enabled him to set up as a trainer, has been well documented. His removal of £66,000 from bookmakers' satchels last season is net so well known. "I'll try to make it six figures this year." he chuckled. "I am looking forward to a good season."

As he celebrates his 59th birthday today, Hills has every reason to be optimistic. A courageous decision to build a El million state-of-the-art yard, which he moved into a year ago, was rewarded with 74



Hills sits snugly in the driving seat as he tests his horse power on the gallops near his Lambourn yard

combined total for the previous two seasons.

Nine of his two-year-olds were included in the Free Handicap, among them the unbeaten Royal Applause, who became the first horse since Crocket in 1962 to land the Coventry Stakes, Gim-crack and Middle Park treble. After the Maktoum Al-Maktoum-owned coit's stunning four-length success at Newmarket, Hills was openly

pessimistic about the winner's

chances of staying a mile this season. However, with the 2,000 Guineas just over four weeks away, he is now far more upbeat.

"Waajib (sire of Royal Applausel has quite a bit of stamina in his pedigree. All his immediate maternal line is fast speed, but there is Premonition down in the right-hand corner of the pedigree if you go far enough back. While he is a horse with outstanding ability. there is no reason why he should not stay, and it would

not surprise me if he gets a mile. "He would certainly have won the Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket if it had been over seven furlongs that day. The 2,000 Guineas could be a very interesting race with him and Alhaarth. They are both outstanding horses with natural ability in terms of

"I think Royal Applause has done very well over the winter. He had some warts last year, which were removed at the end of the season. He has strengthened up well and I could not be more pleased with him at this stage. It is unlikely he will run before Newmarket."

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While most of the 130-strong string at Faringdon Place have had to endure the dullest - in terms of daylight - winter on record and bitter temperatures, five have been more fortunate.

Hills decided in mid-November on an Italian version of the Dubai experiment and pay handsome dividends in the months ahead. sent a handful of horses plus

staff to the warmer climes of Pisa. Circled and Warning Star arrived home at the weekend; Moody's Cat and April The Eighth will race in Italy later this month. Most importantly of all, My Branch will be flown back just in time for the 1,000 Guineas. "The proof of the pudding will be in the eating, but I shall definitely do it again next year," he

The "enthusiastic as ever" Further Flight, winner of the last five runnings of the Jockey Club Cup and now almost white in colour, may reappear at Haydock on Saturday and heads a select band of older

oonax, winner of the 1994 St Leger, will run where the conditions suit him — he must have give in the ground. "I think he is an exciting prospect again, full of enthusiasm and moving like a dream. Hopefully, he'll run in the John Porter Stakes, Yorkshire Cup and Ascot Gold Cup if the conditions are right."

Of the three-year-olds, Busy Flight, second in the Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury and a possible Derby runner. Mubhij, winner of the Corn-wallis Stakes, and Story Line. a Cheshire Oaks candidate, received favourable mention

along with Gold Disc, Gulliver, Nereus, Polinesso, Proud Look, Sinking Sun, Tawkil and Wilawander. And, no doubt, there will be others which may tempt Hills into putting his money where

his mouth is. "I haven't had a bet on the Flat yet. At Doncaster, mine were skimpy-priced ones and there is no point in backing them.\* On and off the track, the patience of Hills looks set to

**Blue Duster** Bint Shadayid A Votre Sente Sea Spray. Dance Sequence Kerry Ring not attractive. strengthened up considerably and has sound prospects of reversing the form. At 7-1, BINT prospects or reversing the local solution of the second section of the section of the second section of the section of the second section of the section of t

#### **GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES** 25-1 | 25-1 | 20-1 | 25-1 33-1 25-<u>1</u>, 25-1, 20-25-1 | 40-1 | 40-1 | 40-1 After two thrilling National Hunt Festivals, it is with almost indecent haste that the cosseted Flat horses take centre stage. Nonetheless, with the first Guineas trials less than a week away, the bookmakers will shortly be rearranging their prices. At this stage, Alhaarth looks hard to oppose in the 2,000 Guineas, and the fillies' equivalent makes more appeal as a betting medium. Bosra Sham deservedly heads the market. She was unbeaten in two starts last season, and was impressive when beating Bint Shadayid by 3½ lengths in the group one Fillles' Mile at Ascot in September. Her trainer, Henry Cecil, will be keener than ever to make a good start to this year after losing the patronage of Sheikh Mohammed, and she will be ready to do herself justice. However, 5-2 a month before the race is Blue Duster was last season's other outstanding filly. She won all four of her races showing an excellent turn of foot when winning the Cheveley Park at Newmarket. The problem for her is stamina. While she will probably stay seven furlongs, she has so much speed that a strongly-run mile is likely to prove beyond her. Bint Shadayid, trained last term by John Dunlop, has spent the last few months in Duba in the care of the Godolohin team. The benefits of a winter in the sun were there for all to see ast season, with the exploits of Lammtarra and Halling. She appeared not to stay when beater by Bosra Sham last year, but will have

#### NOTTINGHAM : THUNDERER: : 4.00 lamus 4.30 Battleship Bruce

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 IAMUS. Our Newmarket Correspondent 3:00 LOOSE TALK (nap). 4.30 Battleship Bruce.

#### GUIDET COURT PACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 6000 TBMES 74 (CD.BF.F.G.S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4)

Pacerand number. Date in brackets. Six-figure ... course and distance senses. Bf — beaten from (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unscaled fider. B — braught down S — Sipped up. R — retracel. D — disqualited). Horse's name. Days since less outing, J it parque, F it light, (B —  $\sim$  500, good to soft, beauty). Owner in brackets

5,00 Antarctic Storm

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 LANGWITH SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,070: 1m 1f 213yd) (15 runners)

1	(12)	001-00	BELLE'S BOY 36 (G) (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 9-7 T Sprake	85				
ż	13		FLAHUIL 63 (N Hayes) R Hannon 9-2 Dane O'Nell (5)	91				
i	(15)	530-641	STILL HERE 18 (6) (A Colins) M Heaton-Eilis 8-13 A Clark	91				
í	(1)	100-	SWEET AMORET 202 (R Bates) P Howling 8-11 R Cockrame	-				
Š	(6)	26200.	LA HAYE SAINTE 176 JA MacGiflonay) D Cosgrove 8-8 14 Wigham	89				
	(8)	OCCOURT.	REEF RAIDER 159 (B) (Speedwith Group) N Tinkler 8-1	89				
,	(11)	. UEDU-	DISPOL CONQUEROR 169 (W Imson) & Oktroyd 8-1 L Charnock	80				
		OM/	ESPERTO 173 (Mrs A Holman-Chappell) J Pearce 8-1 G Bantwell	ů.				
	(4)		ROYAL RAPPORT 193 (R Bedding) B McMahon 8-1 6 Carter	š				
٠.	<u> 3</u>		DIGWANA 70 (M Pians) T Jones 8-1 A Whelan (3)	88				
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6	- 91	6-50	KAPS LADY 39 (Mrs S Campion) S Campion 7-10 P Fessey (5)	-				
ς	(TET)	6004	BELACOUA 10 (B) (Mrs. J Chapman) D Chapman 7-10 . Darren Moltzei (3)	33				
o transferant, Resistante Branchy 7-6. Kal's Lasty 7-0. Belacqua 6-11								

BETTENG: 3-1 Styl Here, 4-1 Flahuit, 5-1 Onetousseven, 8-1 Dignarra, Reet Raider, 10-1 Belle's Boy, 12-1 others. 1995: BOLDLY SO 8-3 J. Comm. (7-1) W Musson 19 can FORM FOCUS

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.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND CINDERHILL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,176: 5f 13vd) (5 runners)

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201 (2) BOLD WELCOME (J Achto) J Wharton 9-0 \_\_\_\_\_\_ J Colon

202 (1, 2, JOBY VENTURE 12 (Mrs B Reig B Meetan 9-0 \_\_\_\_\_ B Doyle

203 (4) 6 MUJOVA 12 (J Gastern) R Hollinsheed 9-0 \_\_\_\_\_ K Durkey

204 (3) 6 MERNOUS REX 10 (BF) (M Paylon) W Most 9-0 \_\_\_\_\_ J Reid

205 (2) WEST ESS GRIL (6d Westman (Haddage & Storage) Lich) P Evans 8-9 L Dettori

8EFTIME: Evens Joint Variative, 3-1 Necrous Rex. 7-2 West Ers Gril, 5-1 Mujova, 10-1 Bold Welcome

1995: DUNGEON MASTER 9-0 R Hughes (5-11 M Channoc 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLD WELCOME (ficated Feb 10: cost 35.00Cgrs) Half-teother by Mest Welcome to use-sky spraker Lambox Levis, dam tamacod sister to keep spraker 120mm spraker 120mm Levis, dam tamacod sister to keep winding spraker 120mm LOBIT VENTURE 41 Cost of 7 to indica Sprak in Brucklesby-Salass at Dencaster (\$1, good) with MULIONA 91 6th, NER-Lambox LOBIT VENTURE Selection: JONIT VENTURE

3.00 FLYING HORSE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0 fillies: £3,720: 5f 13yd) (12 runners)

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GOVERNORS DREAM about 71/61. 4th of 6 to riappy Partner in stanting actions at Longield (AW. 70). SOLD SYMPHONY 3M1 3rd of 13 to Mession on penchismate start. LOOSE TALK 131 6th of 15 to Green Berries in madden of Donasater (61, 57th MARANDRE ROSE 841 4th of 6 to Tatante in madden at Haratock (61, good to lamt) on penulinate start. NAPER STAR best eithor this year, 77

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NOTTINGHAM ... SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Banks. 3 winners from 12 runners, 25.0%; W Haggas, 3 from 15, 20.0%; G Wragg, 4 from 27, 14.8%; T Barron, 4 from 27, 14.8%; P Evans, 6 from 41, 14.6%, P Watwyn, 4 from 28, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: Pet Eddery, 18 winners from 78 rides, 23.1%; W Carson, 24 from 133, 18.0%; L Detton, 22 from 124, 17.7%; T Sprake, 7 from 45, 15.6%; T Quinn, 13 from 84, 15.5%; D Harrison, 9 from 60, 15.0%.

3.30 BAGTHORPE HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,548: 6f 15yd) (22 runners) 

903	(17)	63150-	PHARACH'S JOY 197 (CD.F) (Pyramid Rabing Club) J Payre 9-7 M Tebbutt	80
O.	(91	51453-	GWESPYR 250 (6) (Lord Mathyrt J Senty 9-7	85
465	(3)	2010-	SWEET NATURE 173 (D,G) (Mrs 5 Alien) W Janes 9-7 J Read	80
406	(5)	412125	BOFFY 27 (D,G) (S 82cm): 3 32cm) 9-E	97
Ų7	(16)	0050-0	LONGHALL BOY 8 (S) , 72223 Services 1111 B Meetran 9-5	88
08	(14)	363-6	MAY CUEFR: MESAN 8:5 Horson; Non A King 9-1	83
109	(:0)	404450-	MERARTI 144 'G Blescharg' S Daw 3-6	89
пЭ	(11)	31116-	TYMEERA 202 (C.F.) (Gertroti Automates) 8 Paling 6-13	91
11	O	004-	MIGHT HARBURRY 169 (* Cars) & Harrison 6-12	82
12	(15)	005030-	VEESEY 161 Tats Y Ezeptian; John Berry 8-11 M Femion	84
13	. {1i	55450G-	HARRETS SEAU 192 (E) (F Water 12 W Extent) B-16	83
14	(4)	616-005	MORREY 2017 48 () G) (2 name) 31 Hame 8-10 K Darley ROTHLEY REP 78 (Comm Passing) 2 Minarton 8-9 P Robinson	87
15	(18)	6230-60	ROTHLEY 729 76 (Corn Paring J. Master 8-9). P. Robinson	85
15	(19:	830200-	PRESTIC SENS 159 Vrs. Tell Water 3-5 A Mackey	85
			THE BUTTERMAIN KID 188 (B): The Suiterwick State Co. R Forey 5-6. A College	
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19	(2)	45050C-	NORTHERN CLASS 197 (Vitre Print) Mill Eutreth (F2) . Date Gason	88
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1	(2:)	00505-	MASCAL MORCENT (25 & Special Scripe 7-10 Kim Tinker	82
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NOY best effort, best Yuppy Get 11 in 11-butner maden auction over source and distance (good to limp) SWEET WATURE best Thords 31 or 12-
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High in handicap at Welverterreton (AW, 51) on populitimate start with MORKEY ZANTY 1916 better
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Villege Native in manden austron at Folkestone (6), good to Simi) on penulamate start. MERANTI best effort 444 4th of 16 to Eastern Parastice in manden at Brighton (6), good with LUNGHAL. BOY (5th acres of) 5549 9th. TWAETHA completed double, best Hob Magestic 1141 in 10-numer claimer bare (5), good to form on penulamate start. THE BUTTERWACK KID best effort, best Standown neck in 11-numer claimer at Brewfley (5), good). MATTERMARA neck and of 9 to Mics Offset in handicap at Wolvenhampton (AW. 7th). Selection: THE BUTTERWACK KID

4.00 DENNIS FIDLER MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 3-Y-0: £3,460: 1m 54yd) (12 runners)

l	502	(9)		BREYDON (P Reseborace) M Tompkers 9-3 P Robinson	
Ĭ	503	(10)	04022-	DECISION MAKER 188 (Suprtionan Symbolic) & Hannon 9-0 Dane O'Neil (5)	7
j	504	[3]		D J CAT (J 074:36) W 15-is 9-0	
ĺ	505	(5)	4	HENRY ISLAND 115 (r. Litoriss) G Wagg 9-0 M Hills	
l	505	(2)		HE'S GOT WINGS 161 (P-Hicks) C Broad 9-0 M Femion	
ı	507	(1)		HIGH BAROOME IN Tatus) 7 Charale-Hram 9-0 J Red	
ļ	50B	m	0224-	IAMUS 164 (Heamonds Stud) P Wathryn 9-0 Pat Eddery	8
ı	509	(4)		THREADNEEDLE (The Queen) Lord Hunlangdon 9-0 D Harrison	-
ı	510	(11)		ALWARDA 168 (H ALMascom) R Amstrong 8-9 W Carson	
ı	511	(5)	· 0-	DAPING VENTURE 293 (The Prospectors Chib) T Naughton 8-9	
ŀ		[12]		YOUNG ANNABEL (Indent/Burns) C Dayer 8-9	
	BETT	NG: 7-4	Charmers 3-	1 High Barogue, 9-2 Decision Makes, 8-1 Absolute Utopia, 10-1 Threadneeds, D J	Ca
ı	12-1 (	de.			
ı	ĺ			1995: NO CORRESPORIDING RACE	

FORM FOCUS

ABSOLUTE UTOPAA. Brother by Mr Presnector to versum mater Touch A Milhort, dam high-class order. BREVTOM: by Be My Guest dam. Im 2 winner, is helf-sister to Termino. DEUSSOM MAN-ER 144 2 m of 18 to Myshic Knight in maximen at Salishury (Im, good to soft) HERPY ISLAND about 151 4th of 13 to Kissing Gate un maxim at Withdenhampton (AW, Ton 100yol, HES 607 WINNESS 241 118x of 12 to Lady Carla in maides at

Leisester (1m, firm). HBSH BARDOUE. Setter by High Estate to 1m 21 winner Dancing Heights; dam umassed. MARLS about 3941 less of 4 to Beauchamp Kng m the group i Recomp Poet Trouty at Doncaster (1m, good to lum). THREADMEDUE. Brother by Dengs Connaction to 1m 4 werner Magic Junction: dam Ira winner Magic Junction. dam Ira winner Magic Junction. For Gold on maiden at Chepstow (71, soff) Selection: MARUS

4.30 LANGWORTH APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,095: tm 54yd) (13 runners)

2,095: 1 m 5-6yd) (13 runners)

1 031006- ARTFIL DANE 187 (0.F) (S Lanadown Racing) M Heaten-Bis 4-10-0 J Fowle B2 (1) 140000- ECOMMS AND E15 (0.F.S) (3 Eachci) J Elover 6-9-12 — Victoria Appleby 80 (8) 40725-4 BATTLESRIP BRUCE 8 (C.D.G.S) (T Foreman) N Callaghan 4-9-10... R Smith 84 (5) 0057-6 DANA POINT 7 (0.F) (J Baggall) 7 Barner 4-9-8... Apple Sallmone 80 (5) (10) 122216 MAPE BRY 22 (0.6) (R Machiners) A Bailey 7-9-8... Apple Sallmone 89 (7) 300-000 POAR ON TOUR 50 (B.D.S) (this S Machine) Man M Revisity 7-8-7 — 80 (7) 300-000 POAR ON TOUR 50 (B.D.S) (this S Machine) Man M Revisity 8-8-6 C Scoulder 80 (13) 050000 POAR ON TOUR 50 (B.D.S) (this S Machine) Man M Revisity 8-8-6 C Scoulder 80 (13) 03166-6 DICERIONE 80 (D.F.G.S) (Breason) B Michilation 4-9-5 ... D Sweeney 84 (11) 6-30050 PARKHOMASKA 19 (V) (P Barnet) J L Hanis 4-7-10 ... R Maulen 87 (12) 600 LITTLE PLESRIP 148 (F) Page) T Janes 3-7-10 ... P Clarke 98 (6) 55-0000 PARS DELIGHT 31 (P Fermetity, Brook) S Caulloup 4-7-10 ... - 78 (8) 8-80000 PARS DELIGHT 31 (P Fermetity, Brook) S Caulloup 4-7-10 ... - 78 (8) 8-80000 PARS DELIGHT 31 (P Fermetity, Brook) S Caulloup 4-7-10 ... - 78 (8) 8-80000 PARS DELIGHT 31 (P Fermetity, Brook) S Caulloup 4-7-10 ... - 78 (8) 8-80000 PARS DELIGHT 31 (P Fermetity, Brook) S Caulloup 4-7-10 ... - 78 (8) 8-80000 PARS DELIGHT 31 (P Fermetity, Brook) S Caulloup 4-7-10 ... - 78 (8) 8-80000 PARS DELIGHT 31 (P Fermetity, Brook) S Caulloup 4-7-10 ... - 78 (8) 8-80000 PARS DELIGHT 31 (P Fermetity, Brook) S Caulloup 4-7-10 ... - 78 (8) 8-80000 PARS DELIGHT 31 (P Fermetity, Brook) S Caulloup 4-7-10 ... - 78 (8) 8-80000 PARS DELIGHT 31 (P Fermetity, Brook) S Caulloup 4-7-10 ... - 78 (8) 8-80000 PARS DELIGHT 31 (P Fermetity, Brook) S Caulloup 4-7-10 ... - 78 (8) 8-80000 PARS DELIGHT 31 (P Fermetity, Brook) S Caulloup 4-7-10 ... - 78 (8) 8-80000 PARS DELIGHT 31 (P Fermetity, Brook) S Caulloup 4-7-10 ... - 78 (8) 8-80000 PARS DELIGHT 31 (P Fermetity, Brook) S Caulloup 4-7-10 ... - 78 (8) 8-80000 PARS DELIGHT 31 (P Fermetity, Brook) S C Long kandican: Peronomasa 7-6. Little Pilgatin 7-4, Pats Dalight 7-4. BETTING: 4-1 Batileship Bruce, 9-2 Maple Bay, 5-1 Pone Essence, Dava Pouril, 8-1 Glowing Jacks, Auful Dane, East

1995: NEEFERR 3-9-0 to Hunnern (9-2) L Cumani 20 cas

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ARTFUL DANE 9 6th of 16 to Sharp Consal in Indicator at Lingileto (71, soft) GLOWING JADE best either last session, best Sycamore Lodge %) in 14-numer apprentices handicap at Doncister (71, pood), BATHLESHP SRIDE about %) 4th of 16 to Sea Spouse in handicap at Federal (71, pood to soft), DANA POINT best Many's Case Wi in apprentices handicap at Reduce (1m, pood to fam) on perultimate start. MAPLE BAY best Mister Free levels for the first properties of the soft of 11 to Mindaight Blue in markers at Ascol (61, good to soft).

Selection: DANA POINT (nap)

5.00 DENNIS FIDLER MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 3:Y-0: £3,460: 1m 54yd) (11 nunners)

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,	17	Ĩ.	BOWLED OVER 187 (R Cyzen C Cyzen 9-0 D Blogs	91					
ž	(10)	٠Ĺ.	CLASSIC COLOURS 160 (Classic Bloodstock Plc) S Williams 9-0 A Mackey	83					
3		<b>3</b> 0-	FOLLOWTHE ALLSTARS (The Allsters Club) I Neughton 9-0	-					
:	(6)	OD.	PURSAN 202 (H Al Mattourn) N Graham 9-0 W Carson						
•	(1)		LAHK 252 (C hory) K hory 9-0 G Scally (7)						
6	(4)	, Ju-	NEEDLE MATCH 158 (P Prichero) C Wall 9-0	_					
7	(8)								
8	(5)	0000000	RICHARD HOUSE (AD 140 (D Monall) R Hollastead 9-0 W Ryan						
g	(3)		SHARP COMMAND (6 Ward) R Amestrong 9-0						
10	Ż	60-	SHU GAA 188 (A A) Jaken) W Haggas 9-0 R Cochrane	92					
11	(9)		FRO 291 (Mass ) Street T (American 8-9						
ETTRAC: 3-1 Sau Gas, Bowled Over, 4-1 Augustus Sonm, 5-1 Stamp Countend, 8-1 Needle March, 10-1 officials Allebras, 170, 12-1 offices.									
1995: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION									
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ANTARCTIC STORM 61 8th of 21 to Projection in meeters at Newscatter (61, good to farm) on peculiarists that BOMED OVER 52 and neck 3rd of 11 to Nonvergene 8thes to made at timpleted (61, 596). CLASSIC COLOURS about 141 5th of 9 to Circled in meeters at theydock (71, good) a 59th on periodinate start, FURSAN 111 11th of 19 to Shapanol in maides at Varnouth (71, good) LAHK(14) 8th of the 150 of 19 to Shapanol in maides at Varnouth (71, good) LAHK(14) 8th of 12 to Trisancy in realders here (6), good to First).
NEEDLE MATCH 121 last of 8 to Fartaria in malden
at Neumather (6), good to first) RICHARD HOUSE
LAD best either last season, 131 6th of 19 to
Dustreamfor in realders over course and distance
(good to form) SHU GAA 6546 8th of 18 to Mystic
Knight in meaders at Sufestury (1m., good to soit)
Selection: BOWLED OVER

#### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Exeter

2.10 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Palosanto (Mr A Farrara, 2-1), 2, Garsto (10-11 tav); 3, Bay-line Star (50-1) 12 ran NPC Bodraf Prod-ucer Nk, 3l M Pipe Toter £3,60; £1 10, £1 50, £4 00 DF- £1,50, Tinor £45 80, CSF-£4 11

2:40 (2m 2) hdle) 1, Chicodari (R Johnson, 9-4); 2, Deymar (\$-2), 3, Kippenour (11-8 (av) 4 ran NR Torrys Gitt, 7) 6) D Nichol-son Tote §3 10 DF £7-50 CSF £7-35 son rote 53 to DF 57-90 CSF 17-35 3 10 (2m 3) 110/g ch Ji. Riwer Lossie (J A McCarthy, 5-2 (aw 2, No Pan No Gart (3-1), 3, Abasard (20-1), 10 ran 141, rk, C Egenton, Tote 53 60, 51 60, 51 70, 53 80 DF 54 50 Trio 550 80 CSF 510 36 3 40 (2m 2) noise 1. Hullo Mary Doil (N Marin 13-2): 2. Habasha (5-2 lav): 3. Alice s Minor (9-1): 14 ran. NR. Deards Smasher 1d, 3 5 Mahor Tote: 65 40, E1 60, E2 30, 22 50 DF E12 70 Too: E22.60 CSF E22 52. Troate: E140 35

4.10 (2m 2) chi 1, Pete The Parson (M A Ficgerald, 15-9 favl; 2, Medinas Sean Song (100-30); 3, Super Tactos (4-1), 6 ran. 1-1, 13) JOId Tole: £1 90; £1 60, £2 50 DF: £4 50, CSF: £7 84 Dr. 12 30. CSF 12 784
4-40 (2m 31 110yd hdle) 1, Smuggler's Point (D O'Suffinan, 5-1), 2, Nordic Valley (4-1), 3, Sheep Stealer (65-1) Nordic Mine 100-30 fav. 15 ran 21:1, V.J. R O'Suffinan Tote, 127 40, 125 10, 12 20, 117 50, DF 221 90 Thic 12 296 60 CSF 22 897 Tricast, 21,167 01

5.10 (2m 31 110yd hdie) 1, Oban Mr J Cul-loty, 9-4); 2. Amber Sperk (14-1); 3, Blassad Oliver (14-1). Whitly 5-4 lav 13 ran Hd, 1-kl. Mss H Kright. Tote: £3 50; £1 10, £3 70, £2 10 DF £34 70 Trio. £18.00. CSF £30 03

Kelso Going: good to firm (good in places)

200 (2m 110,d hole) 1, Balhemoch (P Niven, 11-10 fav); 2, Adamatic (4-1), 3, Singing Sand (12-1), 9 nan NR Lucler 2 i Easterby, Tote: 52 00; 52 40, 51 30, 52 10 DF 55 80 Tric: 517.60 CSF 55 98. RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MAITEAMIA (3.30 Nottingham)

Next best: lamus (4.00 Nottingham)

2.30 (3m 11 ch) 1, Howeleuch (B Storey, 4-1 favl: 2, Cool Weather (7-1): 3, Russun Castle (6-1), 11 rsn. 14, 334 K Oliver, Tote. 53 90; £1 40, 52.70, £2.30, DF £13.90, Tho £31.60 CSF: £30.12 3.00 (2m 6/ 1/0/d hdle) 1, Erzedjan (P Niven, 11-8 lav); 2, Shennon Glen (20-1); 3, Coqui Lane (15-2) 10 ran 1141, 31, Mrs M Reveley Tote (22-40; 51-40, E4-80, E2-30 DF (29-90, Trio: E37-30, CSF: \$25.99, Tricast \$139.99.

3.90 (3m 11 ch); 1, Abercromby Cornet (Miss S Forster, 7-1); 2, Worthy Spark (11-4 tav), 3, Demnitication (8-1); 11 ran, 7, 15; S Shiflay-Beaven, Tota, 12:00; 2:50, 5:18, 02:20, DF; £26.40 Tricy £41.90, CSP £24.30 UP: L00-40 Hitle 11, Miss Greenyards (D Parker, 12-1); 2, Diddy Rymer (8-1); 3, Shylish Rose (11-2), Shonara's Way 3-1 lav. 11 ren. 11, nl. A Whilans, Tote: £17-90; 52-50, £2-30, £3-10. DF. £90.70. Yno £429.40. CSF: £38.99. Tricast. £54£.09. 4.30 (3m 1/f ch) 1, Royal Jester (Mr C Storey, 5-2; Private Handkapper's top rating); 2, Off The Bru (9-1); 3, Hedley Mil (9-4 lav), 11 ran 41, 3/41, Mrs J Storey, Tote; 23.40; £1.40, 22.60, £2.10, DF, £11 10, Trior £21 00, CSF; £25.45

5.00 (2m 110yd hdie) 1, Ballon (B Storey, 3-1); 2, Sarmatian (9-4); 3, Stay Aweler (16-8-tay), 4 ran. 11, 11, M Dods. Toter \$3.90, DF: 57.30, CSF £9.48. Placepot £46.50. Quadpot £42.30.

Southwell Going: standard

220 (7) 1, Call Me (D McKeown, 4-1); 2, Mels Baby (4-1); 3, Cherry Garden (5-2). Sharmood 9-4 fav. 7 ran. 6l. 1 kl. C Thornton Tote: E4.10, 51.70, 53.50 DF: 59.60, CSF: 520.39.

25.0 (6) 1, Amoeba (P Fessey, 7-2); 2, Backtrander (10-1); 3, Jolly Hokey (33-1). Melody Wheel 9-4 fav 7 ran. NR Boost, Bowters 80 91, 1%1 J Berry, Toxe: C3.80; 22.10, £1.70 DF £17.00 Trior £39.50. CSF: 3.20 (7) 1. Biton Ledger (J Tate, 7-4 kav); 2, Peacefull Reply (25-1); 3, Tily Owl (12-1); 11 sen, Hd, 1141 Mrs N Mecauley Tote: 22.80; 51.20, 57-30, 53.80 DF, \$51.40. This: 5223 70, CSF; \$42.44.

3.50 (1m 30 1, Mister Aspecto (J Weaver, 100-30); 2, Denong Cevalier (11-4); 3, Siege Perilous (115-8 ke/). 5 ren. 1%1, 1%1 M Johnston Tote: £2.80; £1.30, £1.70. DF: £3.90, CSF; £11.99 E390. Car: £11.as 4.20 (1m.4) 1, Forzair (J Edmunds, 4-6 lav); 2, Aristop (5-2), 3, Rival Queen (12-1), 8 ran 31, 131. S Bowring Tote, £1.70. £1.60, £1 10, £2.50. DF £1 70. CSF: £2 83. Winner sold

4-50 (1m) 1. Awesome Venture (C Munday, 15-2); 2. Thalerus (7-2 lav), 3. Dand James' Gid (8-1) 14 ren Hd. 2W M Chapman Toler-58 70; 25 10; 18 00: 22 10. DF-522 20. Tho. £18 10 CSF; £34.18. Tricast: £215.16. Piscepot: \$168.10. Quadoot: \$4,00.

#### FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER 2.10 MONKS SOHAM (nap), 2.40 King's Gold. 3.10 Smiling Chief. 3.40 Simply. 4.10 Sorbiere. 4.40

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

2.10 ROTHER NOVICES HURDLE

(52,889 2m 4l 110yd) (10 runners) O-U1 SON OF A GUPANER 22 (D.5) J Nowbe 5-11-7 Me OP BLUNDSEN BOY 22 J Gatest 6-11-0 -061 CIRCUS COLOURS 18 (P) J Jenuer 6-11-0 COUNTRY STAR 166F C Brooks 5-11-0 0/3 MONKS SOHAM 119 G Hubbard B-11-G ... 

10 000 XYLOTYMBOU 17 6 Thorner 5-10-9.

2.40 BREDE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,678: 2m 1f 110yd) (12)

[£2,678: 207 ] If TUDy(1) [12]

1 2024 ARCTIC LIFE 15 (BF, C,S) J. Jentons 7-11-10. G Bradley 93
2 2000 GENERAL JACKE 24 J Enford 6-11-6 P High 85
3 406P CADDY'S FEST 10 S Metor 4-11-3 N Mann 93
4 8230 KNNS'S GOLD 34 Mrs. 1 Richards 6-11-2 S McKeal 93
5 31P3 ARAMON 15 (F,G) M Haynes 6-10-13 D Symme 87
6 LIAF- BAG OF TRICKS 6F S Dow 6-10-13 N A Ricquard 90
7 0403 EQUITY'S DARLING 18 D O'Brien 4-10-1 C Liewellyn 80
8 50-0 COALISTAMD 29 R Ingram 6-10-0 K Gazole (3) 9
9 0543 BUCKLAND LAD 22 D Gissall 5-10-0 B Fenton (3) (9)
10 -246 PART OF JACKES 19F T Naughton 6-10-0 A P McCoby 98
11 0PPP MONSEUR BROOKS 25 R Shange 6-10-0 R Amaid (7) 80

7-2 Arctic Life, 9-2 Aramon, 5-1 King's Goló, 6-1 Buchtanó Lad, 7-1 Geoeral Jackie, 10-1 Equity's Derlong, 12-1 others. **COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

TRAINERS: A P Jones, 4 winners from 11 numers, 36 4%, N Henderson, 6 from 17, 35.5%; R Alest, 4 from 17, 23.5%; C Brooks, 3 from 13, 23.1%; J Editord, 16 from 77, 22.5%; S Dow, 4 from 19, 21 1%, OCKEYS: S McNeill, 5 winners from 22 rides, 22.7%, P Hide, 6 from 31, 19 4%, M A Fitzperald, 4 from 24, 15.7%, C Liewellyn, 3 from 21, 14 3%; A P McCoy, 3 from 23, 13.0%; B Powell, 4 from 37, 10.8%.

2.20 Sondos. 2.50 Yo Kiri-B. 3.20 Marino Street. 3.50 Backview, 4.20 Contravene, 4.50 Foist. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.20 No Hiding Place.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.20 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,381: 6f) (8 runners)

1 0-0 ARASIAN HEIGHTS 10 Ms J Ramsden 9-0 ... K Fallon 6
2 GOL BORNE LAD J Batching 9-0 ... J Edmunds (7) 8
3 00- GOL DEN TYNE 248 M Johnston 9-0 ... J Stock (3) 7
4 0- MO HOSING 9-1 MACE 221 B Herbary 9-0 ... J Stock (3) 7
5 05-4 LIA FAIL 31 R Hollansbead 8-9 ... F Lynch (6) 3
6 840 MGSIN 24 I Frish-Heiges 8-9 ... G Daffield 5
7 34- SONDOS 220 J Halt-8-9 ... M Henry (5) 4
8 050- TALLILIAH BELLE 161 N Litmoden 8-9 ... T G McLasphän 2
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2.50 AVALON ASSOCIATES LIMITED STAKES (£2,381: 1m 100yd) (7)

2-1 Parama Jivo, 11-4 Bubble Wings, 4-1 Waldtd Beach, 5-1 Yo Kin-B, 10-1 Kinneseash, 12-1 Last Roundup, 14-1 Yuppy Girl.

3.20 FREEDOM FORGE FILLIES HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,260: 7l) (9)

11-4 Fairy Highlands, 3-1, Miss Offset, 4-1 Victim Di Love, 5-1 Routandsons Charm, 8-1 Elipetite, 10-1 Marino Street, 12-1 Daley, 16-1 Flood's Fancy, 20-1 Subtle One

had to be retired.

Kempton in February and has up again."

Richard Hannon, his trainer. Flat in recent years. He was place prize-money.

3 2102 VICOSA 20 (C.BF.F.S) R Amer 7-11-3 Mr P Heniey (S) 4 P623 ARDCROMEY CHEF 18 (D.BF.S.S) D Candado 18-11-4 D Fort (S) 5 UF13 SABLING CHEF 13 (BF.S.S) HOCKS 8-11-0 T Descentle (S) 6 P1P3 DEEPENDABLE 18 (V.D.S) Idr. L Factands 9-11-0 

3.10 GAY RECORD CHALLENGE TROPHY

1 3134 REVE EN ROSE 17 (F.G.S) M McMillan 10-11-12 J R Kavanagh 90 2 F004 ASK THE GOVERNOR 21 (F.G.S) G Balding 10-11-10

(Handicap chase: £3,422, 2m 5f) (11)

3-1 Ack The Governor, 4-1 Occise (9-2 Reve En Rock (5-1 Arstroncy Clorid (6-7 Smiling Clori, 10-1 Despendable (12-7 chors 3.40 TILLINGHAM HANDICAP HURDLE

(\$2,924 2m 11 110yd) (6) 1 1620 SIMPLY 19 (B.F.G.S) 1 Mindson 7-11-11 A 2 1311 HAWITHORKE GLEN 15 (CD.F.S) Min Milliong 9-11-3 F515 ERLKING 71 (B.D.G) S Weby E-10-11 4 D435 KELLY MAC RF (S) D 1 Einet 6-10-1 C Lewellyn 92 5 D200 MUSTAHE. 47 (8.0.5) = Hosper 1-10-0. T Dascombe (3) 83 6 4P00 ROSGEL 71 (F.S) 15th M Sees 10-10-0 D Byrne 70 6-4 Hawthame Sten, 6-2 Sumply, 9-3 Emong, 6-1 Velly Mac, 12-1 (Austalia, 14-1) Resould

4.10 BEULT NOVICES CHASE (£3,207 3m 2l) (6) 1 RJUD ROCCO 28 (G,S) 5 Sherwood 9-11-8 G Uston (9)
2 9P51 SORBIERE 18 (B,CD,F) 1/2 Henderson 9-11-8 M A Forgerald 91
3 P.PP BIG BAD WOLF 20 P Prace 8-11-2 R Rowell 8-5
5 THE BODHRAN 9 Hodges 6-11-2 T Descombe (3) 6
MISS CERTAIN A Newes 7-10-11 M Sharratt 6-

4-5 Sorbere, 7-4 Rocco, 12-1 The Bodhran, 14-1 Jim Bowe, 25-1 Big Bad Woll Miss Certain

4.40 STOUR INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,317 2m 11 110yd) (7) 41 WSE KING 29 (G) J Old 6-11-11 G Upton
DRAKEFORD R Rose 5-11-4 L Aspell (5)
5 LORD REGAL 38 Ms J Pirman 5-11-4 A Bases (5)
3 ROMSE GRUP 117 M Henderson 6-11-4 M A Regenrati
640 SR DANTE 24 R Roses 5-11-4 D O'Sudiaron
RDYAR RULER J Girlord 5-10-13 P Hote
BIZIMAD 3. Basley 4-10-7 A Thornton 7-4 Wise King, 9-2 Riding Crop. 5-1 Lord Regal, Bezmio, 6-1 Royal Rules, 8-1 Str Danie, 16-1 Drakelord

3.50 THORPE VERNON HANDICAP WOLVERHAMPTON

D Galdides (5) 6 7 0-82 IN THE MONEY 3 (CD.F.G) R Hollinshead 7-8-3 F Lynch (6) 3 2-1 Secret Senice, 7-2 Georgepap, 5-1 Chaveler, Bacintes, 7-1 Hill Farm Dance, 10-1 in The Money, 14-1 Racing Hank.

4.20 OAKLEY-JONES SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,553. 5f) (6) 6-4 Contravene, 5-2 Lawlut Find, 5-1 Abstone Queen, 6-1 Dancing Star, 8-1 Chillied Wine, 14-1 D-Day-Smoke.

4.50 SHERWOOD STAINLESS HANDICAP

5 40-0 ARC LAMP 18 (CD.F.G) J Glover 10-8-13 ... \$ D Williams 3 6 00-1 FOIST 15 (D.G) M W Exsterby 4-8-13 ... ... J Custo 4 7 60-0 BLUE LUGANA 15 N Bycroli 4-8-8 ..... 6 Duffled 5 6-4 Feest, 4-1 Arc Larup, 6-1 Se Tester. 7-1 Shanghai Lif, 8-1 Disco Boy, Blue Lugana, 14-1 Noreatic Denser.

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAMERS: B Charlon, 6 winners from 18 namers, 33.3%, M Julinaton, 34 from 132, 25.8%, J Glover, 9 from 40, 22.5%, Mrs J Ramadam, 3 from 41, 21.4%, 5 Williams, 9 from 45, 20.0%, 5 Woods, 5 from 27, 18.5%, I Campbell, 3 from 17, 17.6%, J Berry, 30 from 198, 15.2%. JOCKEYS: W Woods, 13 winners from 61 rides, 21.3%; J Weaver, 50 from 256, 21.2%, J Tale, 9 from 56, 16.1%; G Duffield, 14 from 99, 14.1%; S Whitworth, 8 from 72, 11.1%; K Fallon, 4 from 37, 10.8%

Blinkered first time

FOLKESTONE: 3.40 Simply 4.10 Sorbiers. NOTTING-HAM: 3.30 Longhill Boy.

ALRIFFA, once quoted at 25-1 said yesterday. "We are lookfor the Champion Hurdle, ing around for a place at stud Club and the Irish Derby in has run his last race. The five- for him. He got a 75 per cent 1994, and landed the group

year-old finished lame when tear in a tendon and there was three Brigadier Gerard fifth on his hurdling debut at little chance of patching him Stakes at Sandown last May. Alriffa was one of the best starts on the Flat, earning

Alriffa won four of his 17 "Alriffa won't race again." recruits to jumping from the nearly £150,000 in win and

placed in the Prix du Jockey

# Bordeaux prospering from Intertoto connection

on Slavia Prague in Uefa Cup semi-final in the Czech Republic tonight, the temptation is to suppose that the French know how to make the finer pickings of Europe, let alone of grapes to bottle. They conquered AC Milan in the last round, they came from two goals down to do it, and they have persevered to this illustrious stage from beginnings that the English turned up their noses at - from the Intertoto Cup.

That, remember, was the extra competition inflicted on the lesser clubs of Europe to fill the idle three weeks or so of the summer. England entered. but then Tottenham Hotspur and Wimbledon put in their youth and reserve teams, incurring such wrath from Uefa, the governing body of Euro-

were not only fined, but England is also to receive fewer places in Europe next season for "ungentlemanly conduct". But to Bordeaux, who

started on July 1 and came the long route through Europe, eliminating ten teams among them Eintracht Frankfurt, Karlsruhe, Rotor Volgograd and Real Betis - there may be poison in the vine. For, though they have reaped so much from the competition that already France has a sixth share of the Sw Fr 6.5 million (about £3.5 million) Intertoto revenues from marketing and television, their place in the French first division is in peril.

They lie just above the relegation placings and if, through the extra load of meandering through Europe, they should eventually go down, what would the price of

Then Bordeaux take pean football, that the clubs a possible Uefa Cup final against either Barcelona or Bayern Munich really be

> Yet let us not be churlish. The Bordeaux club has in recent years resurrected itself from a murky past, its former corrupt administrators jailed and exorcised from the sport. Somehow, for a team reputedly without stars, they possess three players who can do more than Cantona and Ginola find favour with the French national team manager.

> At left back, Bixente Lizarazu has had such adventurous progress in France's colours that Arsenal are reputedly about to recruit him. Arsenal are also one of several English clubs coveting Zinedine Zidane, a left-sided player who floats à la Cantona, who is not easy to categorise either as an attacker or a midfield



Rob **HUGHES** 

Overseas Football

player, whose quality on the ball, and vision off it, have played a magnetic part in France achieving an all-time national record of 20 games without defeat.

It is because of the likes of these Bordeaux players that Aime Jacquet, the France coach, asks why he should tear up the teamwork, the understanding, the loyalty in his Blues, to accommodate two players exiled in England. Jacquet adds that he does not share the constant high opinions that he hears from this side of the Channel of the pair.

Ginola is right out of his thinking, but even Jacquet admits that Cantona may eventually prove irresistible. The Manchester United talisman may be scheduled for a game against Finland in May, and that will be his one opportunity to force a place in the European championship

But what is home-grown in Bordeaux, and augmented by Richard Witchge, from Holland, plus a Brazilian and a Bosnian, appears to have shown the folly of England. The Premier League was not alone in pooh-poohing the Intertoto misadventure. It is a competition too far, filling in the precious weeks of respite for athletes committed to programmes that we would never submit animals to. And yet Uefa can and do point to two facts. First, while Spain and Italy never did enter the competition, it was England who put in three entries (Sheffield Wednesday were the others) and then insulted the

spirit of the thing.
The French? They question in sport, just as they do in the European Union, whether the insufferable English really do want in or out. If it is in, then, borrowing the words of Mae West, the French success in Bordeaux would seem to imply: "Too much of a good thing

s simply wonderful."
While they fill their 30,000 capacity stadium, another new

across the wider sea, the Major League Soccer (MLS) in the United States.

This time, after the illfated NASL, which collapsed through lack of commitment and desire in 1984, MLS has the profits from the World Cup as a starter, has commitment promised to Fifa, the world governing body, for granting it the World Cup and has a very interesting and withering philosophy to

wards Englishmen. We haven't really looked there." Sunil Gulati, the deputy commissioner for the new league, and the man who has directed recruitment policy which has gathered talented players from Africa, Europe, Asia and Latin America, said. And while English players

beginning is scheduled to start who went to the NASL and

who went to the NASL and treated it as a holiday were blamed for the collapse of the old, there is not one British player invited to the new.

Frank Stapleton is the coach to New England Revolution, the Boston franchise which as an Italian, Giueseppe iderisi, and the returning it Ialas, and David Mary, the form Creery, the former Manchester United and Newcastle United player, is also instrumental in recruitment. But Gulati concludes: "Not looking at players from over there [England] says something very important about the style we want this league to have. Also, if we applied the same standards to English players coming here as the English apply to our players going there, we'd have a tough time bringing in English players anyway." Ouch.

**Board** set

to exclude

world game FROM DAVID RHYS JONES

A SURPRISE decision taken at a closed meeting of the World Bowls Board (WBB)

has revealed the intention of

the sport's governing body to

curtail the number of coun-

tries allowed to compete in the

world outdoor championships. When the ninth World

Bowls starts in Johannesburg

in 2000, only 16 teams will be

competing instead of the 30

The move has been criti-

cised by the smaller countries.

who see it as a move towards

elitism. Although the world

championships may lack a

competitive edge, they do pro-

vide a chance for the minnows

The decision made at the

WBB meeting last Monday

has not been announced offi-

rially, but it is believed that the

Although no vote was taken, 🦜

WBB is determined to imple-

it became common knowledge

that the top seven countries in

the 1996 Leonard Trophy rat-

ings, and South Africa, the host country, would qualify automatically for Johannes-

burg with eight more places

Jersey and Guernsey, who

finished thirteenth and fif-

teenth respectively in the

league table here, have been

told they will have a chance to

qualify from the European

championships, which do not,

European event is already up

and running, but we know

nothing about it." Brian

Bisson, the Jersey team man-

ager, said. "But we accept the

need for change, and if we

have to take our chance in a qualifying event, we will do

Once the decision was out,

however, it was the talk of the Lockleys Centre here and

there was so much opposition

that, rumour has it, the issue

Morgan's

doubts

removed

WHEN Darren Morgan de-

feated Steve Davis 9-8 in the

final of the Benson and

Hedges Irish Masters at

Goffs, Co Kildare, on Sunday,

he helped to shift a growing

inferiority complex (Phil Yates

Despite appearing in the semi-finals of the world and

United Kingdom champion-ships in 1994, Morgan has

harboured doubts as to his

right to a place in the world's

top ten. These were removed

by his triumph in Ireland.

during which he beat Alan

McManus, winner of the re-

cent Thailand Open, Peter

Ebdon, the defending champi-

on, and Davis, who was

attempting to capture the title

for a ninth time.

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may be reconsidered.

The WBB tell us that the

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## French ensure revolution has promising start

Christopher Irvine reflects on the successes

and failures of Super League's first weekend

WHEN rugby league's final in the warmer months. It will winter season kicked off last August, it was in 80F temperatures. Thermals were brought out to greet the summer Super League at the weekend, and crowds doubled, for which Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) and Bradford Bulls were primarily responsible.

From the fireworks that illuminated the Charlety Stadium in the French capital to the snowflakes that descended on Odsal, a hectic 48 hours brought contrasts and encouragement at the way a new era began, notwithstanding the odd technical hitch.

Wins for PSG and London Broncos helped. It will probably end up as an historic footnote, but the fact that one of these interlopers will briefly lead the competition after their meeting at Charlton on Thursday is the sort of cosmopolitan infiltration that the game has

yearned 101 years for. The 18,000 that turned up to wish Paris's revolution well helped. A total attendance of League matches represented the most popular start to a season for 23 years. A 10,000 Castleford on Sunday night compared with an average

home gate last season of 4,650. Rugby league players habitually bring order to the chaos the game's administrators tend to create. The quality and competitiveness of several of the opening matches eased some pre-season fears, although long-term success cannot be measured until counter-attractions proliferate

take more than a few Tina Turner look-alikes and girls waving pom-poms. After their shambolic launch — by no means the only one - Leeds have pensioned off their cheerleaders and will rely in future on an Academy game as a curtain-raiser to the match itself. The 10,036 who cringed at Headingley on Sunday will be mightily relieved.

The product is right; it is the selling that needs sharpening. Just a year ago, Australia was a reminder of what can be achieved until the split in the game there. Attendances for the first full round of the Australian Rugby League season at the weekend were halved, as people voted with their feet, leaving the crowd in Paris, improbably, as the biggest on either continent.

The innovation of the "second referee" was deemed more of a success by Greg McCallum, the referees' director, than the Oldham crowd after a disputed Martin Offiah 54,000 for the six Super try for Wigan. Video evidence is meant to clear, not create controversy, but the biggest discrepancy is that the telecrowd for the Bulls' defeat of vision official is there only for live Sky Television matches. Either a rule should apply to all matches, or none.

☐ The condition of Phil Clarke, the former Wigan and Great Britain back-row forward, who snapped three vertebrae in his neck in Australia at the weekend, is not as serious as first thought. Clarke is expected be able to play again, possibly as early

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Andre Agassi fires a backhand return on his way to a hollow victory over Goran Ivanisevic in the final of the Lipton championship in Florida on Sunday. The No 3 seed was handed the title when his Croatian opponent retired with a neck injury after losing the first three games

## Russ paints bright picture of future prospects

BY DAVID HANDS

IN BEST football manager tradition, Tony Russ was painting the back bedroom of his house yesterday rather than plotting Leicester's end-of-season assault on English rugby's double of cup and league. But Russ, dismissed as director of rugby at Welford Road last weekend, is intent on staying in the

He left the teaching profession in 1990 to become a professional sports coach and administrator and a number of telephone calls yesterday some from first division clubs --

suggest he will not have to look hard ment responsible for the day-to-day for re-employment. "My record, at running of the club. Saracens and at Leicester, speaks for itself," he said. "Sport is my profession the former Australia coach, with now and I have been among the most successful in English rugby. Russ was on the lower steps of the

England representative coaching ladder before he joined Leicester and his experience will stand him in good stead in the embryo professional game. For legal reasons, he declines to comment on his abrupt departure from the league champions, but Leicester's general committee, which meets tomorrow, will require some direct answers from the board of manage-

Speculation has linked Bob Dwyer, Leicester now that his season with the Parisian club. Racing, has ended with Racing desperately struggling to avoid relegation from pool one.

Dwyer has returned to Sydney, but he will be back in England to coach the World XV which will play Leicester at Twickenham on April 21. It is a game which may suffer because France's international match against Romania in Aurillac is 24 hours earlier and its proximity may force the withdrawal of

Abdelatif Benazzi and Laurent

Peter Wheeler, the Leicester chief the latest meeting of English Professional Rugby Union Clubs Ltd, which maintained a dignified silence in the face of the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) statement over the weekend that television companies would deal only with the national unions and not with

any club grouping.
It is the RFU's hope that its bargaining position vis-a-vis the clubs will be strengthened by the absence of television money which might bankroll

a club breakaway.

#### leading French players, such as

## to stake America's Cup claim

clubs, the Royal Yacht Squadron and Royal Thames, are planning a joint challenge to New Zealand for the America's Cup in 1999-2000. Lawyers are analysing the viability of such a unique entry under the combined flags of two

Britain has failed to win the oldest international trophy in sport, inaugurated by Queen Victoria, for 145 years. The last

Peter Blake, who masterminded the New Zealand victory last year, is determined that its defence should be in a sporting tournament with equally equipped boats. The New York Yacht Club, which holds the controlling deed of gift, will be equally responsi-

# PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Belenenses 4 Estreia Amadora 1; Sporting Lisbon 2 Virona Gueriariaes 3; Gul Vicente 1 Timense 0; Leca 0 CS Maritimo 0; Braga 3 Farense 2; Campormacrierise 2 Felgueras 0; FC Porto

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**ICE HOCKEY** 

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): NY Pangers 4 NY Islanders 1, Boston 6 Buflato 5, Chicago 5 Defes 3, Detroit 8 St Louis 1, Prelacelophia 4 Pitssburgh 1; Ansherin 4 San Jose 2; Tampa Bay 1 Washington 1 (OT): Wirnipag 4 Celgary 1. BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Sheffield 3 Nottingham Parithers 3 (Sheffield won 2-1 on penalty shots, at Wembley).

MOTOR RALLYING

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HOB HAY STAGES (Lancashire): 1, W Owen (Metro) 32:15; 2, D Burns (Vaustrall Corsa) 32:35; 3, B Edwards (Darrian T90) 32:44

NETBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Surrey 49 Essex Mei 65: Bedfordshire 38 Middle-sex 38: East Essex 64 Birmingham 47; Gloucestershire 49 Hertfordshire 40

**RUGBY LEAGUE** STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford 30 Castlelord 18 First division: Betley 20 Whitehaven 13; Featherstone 33 Rochdale 24 Second division: Bramley 16 Leigh 14; South Wales 8 Hull KR 70.

TiGNES: British Land national junior chemplonships; Super G: Winners: Man: J Moulder-Brown (min 1963isc: Junior one (under-17) D Crouch 122.64 Women: Pirie 122.83. Junior one (under-17). A Pirie 123.95 Boys (under-16): N Baster 101.77. Child one (under-14): P McMillan 105.32. Girls (under-16): C Alcott 104.04 Child one (under-14): 1, D Bosher 1:11.00.

SNOOKER

KILDARE: Benson and Hedges Irish Masters: Finat: D Morgan (Wales) bit S Davis (Eng) 9-8.

LYMOUTH: British Open: First round (England unless stated): N Bond bit P MoPhilipe (Soot) 5-0; M Bennett (Wales) bit T Drago (Maite) 5-0; M Price bit A Davies (Wales) 5-2: D Harrold bit A Bolsover 5-2: A Hamilton bit K Payne 5-2; G Wiferson bit S Petimen 5-2; S James bit M Flowerdew 5-1.

SQUASH

CARDIFF: Leekes British Open: Women: First round: M Martin (Aus) by A Chiton-Parkes (SA) 9-1, 9-0, 9-2, R Cooper (Aus) by R Grmhar (Aus) 9-3, 9-2, 9-7, S Homen (Eng) by A Wray (Eng) 4-9, 9-0, 9-0, 9-0, C Nitch (SA) by S Macife (Scot) 9-3, 9-6, 9-0. **TENNIS** 

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida: Lipton Championships: Ment Final: A Agesti (LKI) bt G Nanisawc (Croaha) 3-0 ret. MOROCCO: Men's tournament: Final: T Carbonel (Spi) bt G Schaller (Austria) 7-5, 1-6, 6-2.

It was not a classic final -Davis saw to that by refusing to abandon a strict percentage game - but it was still a gripping contest as Morgan

fought as hard to retain sufficient self-belief as he did to force scoring opportunities from his miserly rival. An excellent 71 clearance to black, from 0-67 down in the twelfth frame, prevented Davis from taking a 7-5 lead and was probably the key to victory.

good enough to win an important event but it's been a long time coming and there were bound to be doubts creeping in," Morgan, who collected a first prize of £70,000, said. "I think if I had let this chance slip, I might never have had the opportunity to win again."

# **United bid**

BRITAIN'S premier sailing

clubs (David Miller writes). attempt was by Graham Walker, under the Royal Thames flag, at Fremantle, Australia, in 1986-87.

The committees of both clubs are sensitive to the need for a properly funded challenge, which, even with hull and sail cost limitations introduced last year, is still likely to reach E20 million.

John Prentice, of Royal Thames, said: "In other sports such as golf and rugby there is a pinnacle at which everyone can aim. We feel there is a need to provide such a pinnacle for yachtsmen in Britain. But we must proceed cautiously."

ble for ensuring level waters at

Auckland Blake's victory united New Zealand even more than its rugby team's progress in the World Cup. Britain has the sailors, given good support, to succeed where its other international teams are failing.

## BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Orlando 98 New York 79; Alfanta 93 Boston 92; LA Lakers 111 Toronto 106; Indiana 118 New Jersey 100; LA Clippers 110 Minnesota 107; Charlotte 121 Vancouver 88; San Antonto 97 Phoento 83; Portland 115 Calass 100; Sacramento 105 Cleveland 100 (OT) BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester 71 London Towers 126; Birmingham 94 Hernel 81, Leopards 109 Newcastle 79; Doncaster 90 Leicester 62.

**BOWLS** 

CAMBERLEY: National father and son championship: Final: N and W Ward (Avon Valley) bt M and R Newman (Whitelenghis) 27-25 CRICKET

SINGAPORE: Singer Cup (Sri Lanka won toss): Palestan 54-3 v Sri Lanka. Match abardoned, replay loday.

ADELADE: Sheffield Shield (third day of five): Weelern Australia 520-9 dec (A Gilchrist 189 not out, R Baker 83, T Moody 69, B Hogg 61); South Australia 330-7 (P Nobes 103, J Brayshaw 70no).

HAMILTON, Ontario: World champion-ships: Men: Final: Canade bi Scotland 5.2. Third place play-off; Switzerland bi Norway 9-6. Womer: Final: Canada bi United States 5-2. Third place play-off; Norway bi Germany 11-5.

CAROIFF: Home countries combined internationals: Scotland 4 Wales 1, England 5 Northern Ireland 0; Scotland 1 England 4, Wales 4 Northern Ireland 0; Scotland 5 Northern Ireland 0; Wales 3 England 2: Final positions: 1, England 11pts, 2. Scotland 10; 3. Wales 8, 4, Northern Ireland 1.

FOOTBALL Sunday's late results ITALIAN LEAGUE: Udinese 2 Samodoria

CHESHIRE FOREST (Sudlow Ferm): Members: 1, Freddie Fox (T Garton, 4-5 lav). Confinad: 1, Grey Gorden (A Crow, Evens tay). Land Rover Open: 1, Mr Table

SUNDAY'S POINT FO BOINT RESULTS. BELVOIR (Garthorpe): Members: 1.
Monarrow (W Tellwright, 4-7 fav). Confined: 1, Starmick Farlap (T Marks, 10-1). Ladles: 1. General Highway (Mrs. J Dawson, 5-4). Open: 1, Celtic King (K Needham, 4-1). Rest. 1, Mr Brangan (T Marks, 3-1). Open Mdn (5-7yo) 1, Needwood Neptune (A Sansome, 5-4 fav). Tattle (D Berlow, 3-1). Ledies Open: 1, Homblower (Miss C Burgess, 1-4 fav) Rest: 1, Worleston Farrier (G Henmer, 3-1). Mdn: 1. Embu-Meru (I Lowe, 5-1). 3-1). Mdn: 1. Embu-Meru (I Lowe, 6-1).
CLIFTON-ON-TEME (Upper Sapey):
Members: 1. Haven Light (A Daton, 4-9
tav). Rest: 1. Frozen Pipe (L Squire, 4-1).
Lacles: 1, Stephens Pet (Miss A Dare, 1-3
fav). Open: 1, Lost Fortune (I Winseler,
2-7 fav). Inter: 1. Pip Van Winkle (Miss A
Dare, 4-5 fav). Conflined: 1, Di Stetano
(Miss A Dare, 4-6 fav). Open Midn I (pt h:
1, Western Harmony (E Williams, 4-1).
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CATTISTOCK (Little Windsor). Mesmbers: 1, Avril Showers (R Alidnson, 6-4 fay) Rest: 1, Apple John (P Henley, 5-2).

Ladies: 1, Lewesdon Hill (Miss P Curting, 1-2 fay). Opent: 1, Young Brave (M Miller, 6-4 ji-4ay). Inles: 1, Apelura Hati (T Mischell, 4-1). Open Midn I: 1. Alter Moor (P Henley, Evens lay). Open Midn II: 1. Immont (P Henley, 7-4 fay).

DUMPRIESSHIRE (Lockerbie). Members: 1, Schenysands (K Little, 1-4 lav). Confined: 1, Fordstown (J Alexander, 14-1). Ladies: 1, Klimmloyle (Miss S Forster, 7-11. Open: 1, Borsen Owen (T Momson, 2-7 lav). Reet: 1, Toaster

Crumpet (Miss P Robson, 9-2). Mdn 1: 1, Denim Blue (Miss P Robson, 2-1 lav). Mdn II: 1, Kirchwyn Lad (R Shiels, 8-1). Mdn II: 1, Krichwyn Lad (H Sheils, 6-1).
HURWORTH (Greet Stainton): Members: 1, Chopel Island (G Tuer, 11-8).
Rest: 1, Jr-Kay (N Bannstér, 33-1).
Ladiest: 1, Indie Rock (Mrs F Neecham, 3-1). Land Rover Open: 1, Fery Sun (N Wilson, 5-1). Inter: 1, Flip The Lid (N Wilson, 4-6 lav). Mdn I (ptl I): 1, Whispers Hill (C Mulhall, 4-1) Mdn I (ptl II): 1, Rhabile Rouser (R Edwards, 7-1).
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1, Fabble House' (R Edwards, 7-1).

TNYSIDE (Pantyderi), Members: 1, Cetic Bizarre (Mass B Barton, 1-3 fav) Confined: 1, Bancylelin Boy (J Keen, 6-1), Inter: 1, Mister Horatro (M Lewis, 1-2 av), Open: 1, Carlowitz (J Prica, 20-1), Ladies: 1, Gookis Gold (Mass P Jones, 1-2 fav), Rest: 1, Robbie's Boy (J Keen, Evens fav), Midn (; 1, Dustys Treil (R Thombon, 2-1 fav), Midn () (pt (): 1, Cedar

Square (D.S. Jones, 2-1). Mdn (I (pt II): 1, Shuir's Star (P Harner, 5-2). WEST KENT (Penshurs): Members: 1.
Prince Ronan (A Weish, 5-2). Confined:
1. Burromenner (S Cowell 6-4 fav).
Open: 1. Cenne Stage (A Warr, 25-1).
Ladies: 1. Durboy Castle (Miss G
Chown, 3-1). Inter: 1, Dream Packet (M
Gorman, 5-4 fav). Reat: 1, Alarisford (P
Bull, Evens fav). Midn 1: 1. Elmore (P
Hacking, 5-2 fav). Midn 1: 1. Inwerth
(Miss C Savel 4-1)

WINDSOR FOREST BLOODHOUNDS (Twesseldown): City Of London: 1†, Yahoo (S Astaire). 1†, Button Your Up (Mrs. J Enderby). Membere; 1, Wrekin Hill (Mrs. J Williamson, 5-4 lay). Confined: 1, Tao. Mex. (J Manse, 4-7 lay). Open. 1, Afaltoun (T Lacey, 11-4). Ladies: 1, Oarnaes (Miss L Parrott, Evens tay). Rest: 1, Silver Concord (S Blackwell, 4-1). Open Mdn: 1, Fethers Footprinis (R Hicks, 8-1).

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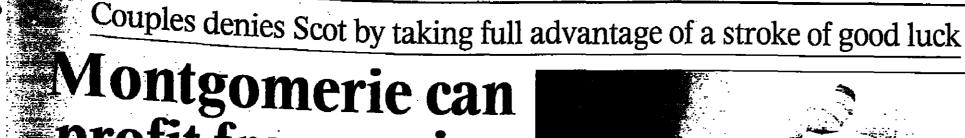
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profit from major change of fortune

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN PONTE VEDRA BEACH

COLIN MONTGOMERIE might have been celebrating his first success in a tournathent in the United States here can Sunday but for a semigreular piece of wood as wide as a man's hand. You could argue that it was because of the part played by

this piece of timber that Montgomerie had to be conterit with coming second in a fournament on the US PGA Tour for the third time in 22 months.

The Players' Championship was bubbling up to a fine conclusion when Fred Couples came to the 16th, 15 under par and trailing Montgomerie and Tommy Tolles, the 54-hole Meader, by one stroke. Destiny was about to tap Couples on the shoulder and compensate him for missing an embarrassingly short putt of less than two feet on the 11th by allowing him to win this tournament.

His second shot, with a two-iron, flew out towards the water that guards the right-hand side of this green where. shoring up the watery side of the putting surface, are wooden bulkheads.

By a stroke of luck. Couples's shot did not end in the water but landed on a bulkhead and took a big leap forward onto the green. From there, he sank the putt for an eagle to jump to 17 under and into a one-stroke lead.

Sheehan: exuberant

**FOOTBALL** 

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These two were the first of the significant strokes that would determine who would win the first-place cheque of £420,000. The next involved Montgomerie, barely five minutes later. Europe's leading money-winner these past three years, having had the lead snatched from him, knew he had to pull out something special on this same hole,

his reach in two strokes. His second shot, hit with his metal three-wood from 230 yards out, drifted away from the flag, which was positioned no more than six paces from the edge of the green, until it

which was just about within

Final scores ....

plopped into the water that Couples's ball had so fortunately avoided minutes The next moment of signifi-

cance involved Montgomerie on the 16th and Couples just a couple of hundred yards away on the near-island green of the 17th. Couples sank a putt for a birdie and Montgomerie took a bogey six. Knowing then that he could not catch Couples. Montgomerie dropped another stroke on the last. Couples had covered his last seven holes in four under par, Montgomerie and Tolles in

Finishing as joint runner-up will hardly have lessened Montgomerie's self-belief when he competes in the Bell South tournament in Atlanta this week before driving up to Augusta, Georgia, next week for the Masters.

"Coming second here is a confidence boost," he said. "I was going for a 66 and yet that still would not have won, so you have got to say well done to Freddie for going out and taking a 64. I had got into a position to win, but unfortu-nately I did not take it."

After the US PGA Championship last year, when Montgomerie lost a play-off to Steve Elkington, and bearing in mind his performance in losing the 1994 US Open only over 18 extra holes, I predicted would only be a matter of time before he won a major championship. That applies even more today. In two tournaments this year, Montgomerie is 32 under par for his eight rounds and richer by £300,000.

There is no apparent weakness in his game and I would not be surprised to see him win in Atlanta this week or at Augusta next week - or both. He improves every time you

see him and Johnny Miller, a former Open champion, said on television that he expected Montgomerie to be the best player in the world by the end



Montgomerie is striking the ball so well that he is 32 under par for eight rounds

# Sheehan enjoys that floating feeling again

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN MISSION HILLS CALIFORNIA

PATTY SHEEHAN, an exuberant being, used to believe she could walk on water. The last time she was at St Pierre, in Chepstow, for the 1980 Curtis Cup, was just such an occasion. She won all four of her matches and her feet barely touched the ground. Sheehan, now 39 and aware of her

limitations, should certainly be at St September after a thrilling victory in the 25th Nabisco Dinah Shore here on

Sunday. It was the stocky American's delayed her was Laura Davies, on her sixth major championship but her first

To win, Sheehan had to par the 526-vard 18th. having had her sixth birdie of a topsy-turvy day at the 171yard 17th. She had had five bogeys and, as she stood on the tee, seven players were still in with a chance of the title. It was a task that proved beyond Annika Sorenstam and Kelly Robbins, who finished on 282, six under par, alongside Meg Mallon.

pulled her three-wood off the tee into the water. Among those who had

way to an uninspired 75 and a share of fifteenth place. Davies launched her three-wood onto the island green but took three more to get down - a contrast to the euphoria of the third round when she had hit a three-iron to ten feet for an eagle three. Sheehan put her second shot into a bunker and then hit a nine-iron "dead left".

The ball was on the green but Sheehan, who had three-putted four times already, now had to get down in 150 by tomorrow. "A monster," she

called it. She rolled her first putt to within ten feet - "a very good putt." she said - and the next was even better. Sheehan was so sure the ball was in that she started leaping like a dervish before it disappeared. She then did a somersault, which she dedicated to her mother. She dedicated the victory to her father, who has not been well recently.

The crowd demanded the now traditional leap into the lake but Sheehan made do with a gentle wade. clutching the trophy and trying to Sunday but will probably be at least ensure the cheque for \$135,000 (£89,000) did not get wet.

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#### Waqar delighted to see back of Lamb

WAQAR YOUNIS, the Pakistan fast bowler, yesterday declared that Allan Lamb's retirement was good for cricket. "He is the kind of man who always wants to create controversies," Wagar said, Lamb, whose autobiography is to be published this summer, refused to submit it for scrutiny by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), as he would have to do if he signed a new contract with Northamptonshire, who had granted him a testimonial.

Lamb's book is expected to revive the ball-tampering allegations he levelled against the Pakistan bowlers in 1992, for which he was fined £5,000 by the TCCB. "If I continue to play cricket, they will have the power to prevent me telling my story. And I have no doubt that they would use that power." he said. Lamb played 79 Tests for England between 1982 and 1992 and captained Nortthamptonshire from 1989 until the end of last season.

#### Flames on slow burner

ICE HOCKEY: Guildford Flames announced yesterday that they will not take part in the super league that is scheduled to start in the autumn. The Flames say they cannot get together a good enough team in time and have asked if they can delay their entry for a year. This leaves six teams in the new competition, of which only Sheffield Steelers and Manchester Storm have an arena of the requisite size and Durham Wasps do not have a home at all.

#### Hall sets sights high

BADMINTON: Darren Hall's ambitions extend far beyond his challenge for a record eighth English national title, which starts today in Norwich against Tom Gooden, of Hertfordshire. Hall, 30, plans to use the nationals as a springboard for the European championships and the Olympics. "There's no reason why I can't win the national title and take European and Olympic medals," he said, "I have been in tremendous form for the last six weeks."

#### Moving date for Regan

BOXING: Robbie Regan, of Wales, is to meet Daniel Jimenez, of Puerto Rico, for the World Boxing Organisation bantamweight title in Cardiff on April 26. The contest will mark a move up the weights for Regan, the former European flyweight champion. "I have had a bit of trouble in making flyweight recently," Regan said. He is also stepping up in class against Jimenez. who lists Drew Docherty and Alfred Kotey among his recent victims.

#### Cold comfort for Scots

CURLING: Scotland's hopes of a third men's world championship title were dashed in Hamilton, Ontario, vesterday when Canada beat them 6-2 in the final. The team from Perth, led by Warwick Smith, fielded three of the 1991 world championship rink in David Smith. Peter Smith and David Hay, but the Canadians were more than a match for such experienced opposition, sealing the title with a single on the ninth end.

#### Diplomat bagged

REAL TENNIS: Julian Snow, of Britain, the world's leading amateur, and his partner, the veteran American, Sam Howe, reached the final of the British Land national doubles championship by beating the fourth seeds. Andrew Page and Mark Howard, for the loss of four games at Moreton Morrell. Page, recently returned from diplomatic uty in Kiey, looked short of match practice y and Howe played almost error-free tennis.

#### THE TYS FIXTURES

Bury v Fulharn Cambridge Utd v Northampton (7.45) – Chester v Layton Corent Colchester v Rochdale (7.45) – Gillingham v Darlington (7.45) First division
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bids in this auction, typical of what happens when one side is trying to prevent the other side from converting their part-score. Had North-South judged to defend they would have been assured of a plus score. West led the ace of diamonds and switched to a trump, declarer winning with dummy's ace. A small club was led, and East judged well to pop up with the king to play another trump. South won in hand and ruffed a club, but what now? Can you see a legitimate way of making the contract?

There were several dubious

Declarer played a small spade from dummy and East destroyed his previous good efforts by contributing the jack. Declarer ruffed and drew trumps. East's hand was now clear — he had shown up with four hearts and two clubs. If he had had five spades he presumably would have doubled North's Two Spades, so it seemed likely

that he was 4-1-3-2; his 2NT bid marked him with the king of spades. So declarer continued by cashing the king and queen of diamonds. He then exited with the queen of spades. East was end-played he had to give dummy the last two tricks.

The final rounds of the

Premier League were played

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at the weekend. As expected the 1st division was won in convincing style by Paul Hackett's team (Monachan, Hackett, Hackett, Forrester, Robson). The 2nd division saw a tie for first place between Derek Patterson (Whittaker. Collins, Jones) and Michelle Brunner (Holland, Hirst. Hassett, Banks, Pomfrey). The tie was split, on aggregate IMPs, in favour of Patterson. The first placed team only is guaranteed promotion to the 1st division next season. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on

bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

#### By Philip Howard

JOSKIN a. An ecclesiastical vestment b. A clown c. A kangaroo pelt

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By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

**BCF** protest

The British Chess Federation has protested, via the European Chess Union, to the world federation about the proposed Fide world championship match between Kamsky and Karpov in Baghdad. In a letter to the European Chess Union president, Professor Kurt Jungwirth, they say: "We support the demand for a special meeting of the European Chess Federations to consider the matter and we urge you to convene such a meeting in the very near future."

Kasparov leads Garry Kasparov shares the lead with Veselin Topalov, of Bulgaria, with one round to go in Amster-dam. In round seven he defeated the Russian Vladimir Kranınik. White: Garry Kasparov Amsterdam, March 1996

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Adams ahead Michael Adams has moved into a White: Michael Adams Black: Joel Benjamin New York, March 1996 Sicilian Defence

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☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

#### WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene White to play. This position is a variation from the game Nimzowitsch — Alekhine. Vilna 1912. This is an example of a trap Alekhine avoided. The black king is unable to move, having been

caught in the crossfire of the white bishops. How could White now increase the pressure with a fine

Solution on page 46

Black resigns

#### Australian with attitude continues to prove the bane of sport's authorities

Squash rebel still courting controversy

ANTHONY HILL had already pigeon-holed the referee for his first-round match in the Leekes British Open squash championships yesterday. "He'll be over 50, for starters." And, if Hill is to be believed. the official would come to the court bearing at best an irrational dislike of the young Australian, at worst a personal fatwa to eliminate him from the game forever. A morning in the company of the John McEnroe of squash can severely distort reality.

The official line is that Hill, 26, is suffering from a psychotic disorder brought on by the sight of an opponent and a squash court: Hill believes he is no more than "a smartarse". Somewhere in the Grand Canyon of the generation gap lies the truth, and a disciplinary record so outrageous that McEnroe would probably want to frame it for his New York art gallery.

Hill's five-game victory over Johnathan Power, of Canada, in Cardiff yesterday marked his return from a three-month

suspension imposed by the Professional Squash Association (PSA). He is also banned from the world team championships and the World Cup for the next two years and, subject to appeal, has been banned by his own federation until the turn of the millennium. His misdemeanours range from simple abuse of referees to baiting opponents, racket-throwing and spitting. He has made the narrow line between gamesmanship and cheating his own personal

thoroughfare. What everyone agrees is that, away from the court. Hill is as likeable a bloke as one could wish to meet. He is also a better player than his world ranking of eight, and the darling of sponsors desperate for publicity.

Hill's rebel tendencies can be traced to the final of the Victorian under-13 championships, Hill was 12, his opponent was a friend, and a trip to Queensland was at stake. The referee had to part the pair after one point. Hill won and

went to Brisbane. But it was a head-butting incident with the Pakistani player, Mir Zaman Gul, two years ago at the British Open, that brought Hill to prominence.

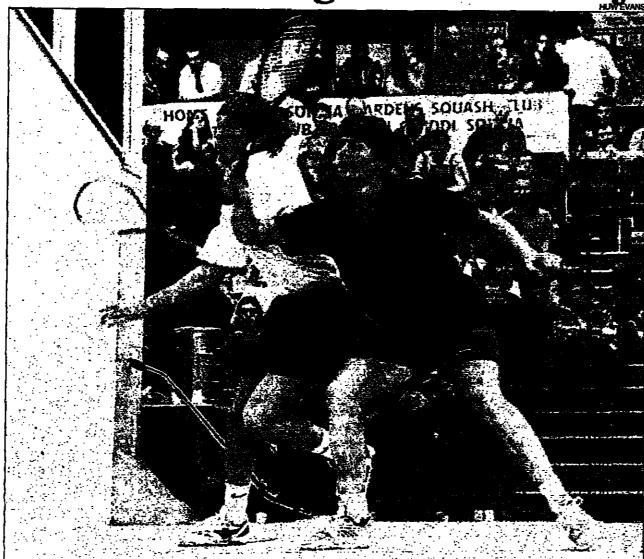
Hill was actually the victim of the butt, and Zaman was banned for six months, but a feud was born which surfaced again at the world team championships last year, and a five-year national suspension for Hill resulted.

"I don't go out looking for trouble." he said. "Once on court. I'm just like everyone else going to work. I don't cheat, but there is a fine line before what you're doing is wrong. Everybody uses some form of gamesmanship and, contrary to what people say. I'm always in control. I have to argue a hit because I'm not as fit as some of these guys." Hill likes to see himself as a

crusader for his sport against the muddling of the PSA. An automatic year-long ban. which is just a stray swearword away, would not hurt him unduly, he claims, because exhibition and league events are his bread-and-butter, not the rickety PSA tour. If I was earning \$100,000 from the PSA it might be seeing a sports pscyhologist to straighten myself out, but I'm not," Hill said. They're make-believe people and they need me whether they like it or not."

Hill's narrow victory yesterday was more theatre than sport. Almost every point ended in supplication, but the players were united in friendship. Wisely, the officials fed the humour rather than jumping on it. Power was smarter and funnier, the more appealing character in every sense. Hill threw away six points in a sulky end to the fourth game. but sneaked the fifth. The match ended in an appeal and a handshake, the explosion delayed for another day.

Hill says that he must get together with the authorities sconer rather than later to sort out the mess. They need each other more than either party might realise. Hill might have to accept he can be wrong. He was wrong about Dean Clayton, the referee, on two counts yesterday. He is 46 and did a



Hill, left, on his way to a first-round victory over Power in the Leekes British Open championships yesterday

# Rowland rues lack of protection

By COLIN McQUILLAN

SPECTATORS at the first round of the Leekes British Open championships were delighted to find Rodney Eyles, the No 2 seed, fighting for survival yesterday against his talented young Australian compatriot, Craig Rowland. But Rowland, the world No 12, was less than enthralled with the new Professional Squash Association (PSA) seedings rule that produced such a high-profile encounter so early in the event

Eyles won 11-15, 15-11, 15-14. 13-15, 15-5 in 81 minutes at the Welsh Institute of Sport in

Cardiff and looked as much relieved as satisfied to have done so. Rowland, who reached the semi-finals of the world open championship in November, was just one rally away from a 2-1 lead that might have proved too tall an

order for Eyles.

The PSA decided after the world open to begin seeding only eight players, leaving top-16 players such as Rowland. who would previously have been afforded some initial protection, at the mercy of the random draw. A few more first rounds like this and Rowland, along with other young players who have could find himself perilously disconnected from the sport's leading players. "I actually voted for this

change," Rowland said yester-day. "Everyone seemed in favour and it looked as if it could make earlier rounds more exciting. Later, I began thinking about how it could affect me and it could be very destructive. There is a growing feeling against this rule. I think we will have to have a special PSA meeting here in Cardiff to get rid of it."

Eyles goes through to the second round on the alltransparent Perspex show

Ryding, of Canada, at the Cardiff International Arena tomorrow, with the possibility of a quarter-final on Friday against Anthony Hill.

In the women's championship. Suzanne Horner, the British national champion, progressed without problems to meet Claire Nitch, of South Africa, in the second round. Michelle Martin, the Australian defending champion. stormed through in just 21 minutes against Angelique Clifton-Parks, another South African, and now meets Robyn Cooper, her young

Chisholm 7.00 Sean Bolger 10.00 James Whale 1.00-6.00am Ian Collins 6.00am On Air. Bridge (String Cuartet No 1): Khachaturian

# Hill proceeds with caution

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN SÃO PAULO

from his self-imposed rules for a few hours on Sunday night After a hotel dinner of ing victory in the Brazilian back in São Paulo; no room at the inn.

taken anything for granted all day. Even after his victory. hard on the heels of success in Melbourne, had taken him 14 points clear in the drivers' championship and gave him the appearance of invincibility even at this early stage of the season, he refused to get carried away.

He allowed himself to talk

Michael Schumacher's challenge will be a pale imitation of last year's as he fights to keep his head above water at Ferrari. At Benetton, Jean Alesi and Gerhard Berger are struggling to provide the metSchumacher's trademark and the team is in trauma trying to adjust to drivers who make mistakes.

In addition, Jacques Ville-neuve. Hill's Williams-Renault team-mate and the man who will probably be his strongest challenger, showed all weekend that he will be at a disadvantage on the circuits with which he is not familiar. Finally, and perhaps most important. Hill is a changed man, growing in stature all the time as Schumacher seems to be shrinking under the weight of responsibility at Ferrari.

In a similar position, Nigel Mansell might have been induced to indulge in a little sabre-rattling, a bit of selfpromotion. It was put to Hill that he might be feeling invincible after driving out some of the demons of last year by lapping Schumacher



during the race on Sunday. He did not fall for that one.

"If I get the chance to rub it in, then I will." Hill said. "Lapping Michael brought a wry smile to my face but that was about it. There is still a long way to go and even if we are looking good at the moment. I am as much in competition with myself as I am with anybody else."

Suddenly, though, Hill has crept silently and unobtrusively into a position where he can launch his own assault on the pantheon of his sport. The win on Sunday took him beyond the total of 14 victories claimed by his late father, Graham, and into fifth place on the list of wins by British drivers.

Only Mansell with 31, Jackie Stewart with 27, Jim Clark with 25 and Stirling Moss with 16 have won more and Hill has a better win-per-start ratio than all of them bar Clark; better than Alain Prost's, better than Ayrton Senna's. Typically, Hill can-not quite believe that he is up

"It feels great," he said. "I am an enormous admirer of all the great racing drivers. I find it difficult to associate myself with those people even though I know that statistics are one of the things by which drivers are judged."

The final proving ground, the ultimate statistic of a world championship, appears to be there for the taking.

there with the rest of them.

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# The riddle of infidelity

The New Sexual Nature. Radio 4, 8,30pm.

Dr Gillian Rice says the key question that everyone is asking is: what or Gillian Rice says me key question that everyone is asking is: what does the unfaithful blue tit get out of having a "bit on the side?" Offhand, I can think of three dozen people who are not asking the question and are never likely to. Dr Rice is, of course, a bit of a leguler. Otherwise, in this programme about polygamy and monogamy, she wouldn't have dared to say, chapter and verse, that there are not many these days who process the many many these days who process the many many these days who process the many times. there aren't many men around these days who posess the status, wealth and good genes that are needed to make them perfect mates. She ends her series reassuringly. We humans, wether male or female are not wholly at the mercy of biology. We still have a say in shaping

Horrors of the Horn. Radio 3, 8.15pm.

Horrors of the Horn. Radio 3, 8.15pm.

Sounding like the business end of a rhino, the horn discussed by Michael Thompson and Anthony Halstead in this interval feature is actually the brass instrument. Both men are horn players, and it's a pity we hear neither of them in action in tonight's Pebble Mill concert which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Horn Which includes Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Brahms's Trio in E flat, OP 40, and Ligeti's Brahm

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6.00am Russ 'n' Jone 9.00 Richard

(Spartacus, Suite No 1); Field (Piarro Sonata in B); Danzi (Pantasia); 8,05 Monteverdi

Berlioz (Reverie et caprice);

Dvořák (O sáver moon, Rusa,ka): Tchalkovsky (Suite No 2 in C! 10.00 Musical Encounters. Artist soprano, sinos Falla.

(Five pieces for strings); Schreker (Chamber Symphony), Chopin (Scherzo No 2 in B (st minor); Whettam (On the Beach a Night); Haydn (Symphony No 73 m D. La Chasse? 12.00 Composer of the Week. Schubert (Verschwunden Sind

die Schmerzen; Overture, Die Verjahrige Posten; Gott! Höre meine Simme; Piano Sonata in G: An de Freunde)

1.00pm BBC Festival of Brass 1996. Paul Hindmarsh presents the first of eight coopers. Williams Seize.

concerts. Williams Fairey Band under James Gourlay and Bryan Hurdley plays music by Peter Graham, Watton, arr Watson, Judith Bimgham and Martin Ellerby 2.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philarmonic in Omen, with Kathryn Stott, soprano.

Rossni (Overture, William Tell); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 5 in E flat, Emperor): Elgar (Variations on an Onginal Theme, Enigma) 3.30 Haydn's Seven Last Words performed by the Rostov Ouzrtet (r) 4.25 The BBC Orchestres. BBC

National Orchestra of Wales under Grant Llewellyn, First (Clarinet Concerto in C minor

- a User's Manual. The of instrumental techniques 5.15 In Tune. Lyrne Walker taks to Phyllida Lloyd, who is directing Opera North's

production of Cherubini's Medea. With music by Ravel. Haydn and Anthony Burgess 7.30 Pebble Mill, live from Studio

One. Barry Douglas, piano. Valdine Anderson, soprano, Sebastian Bell, flute, Ernst Kovacic, violin, Richard Watkins, hom, play Brahms (Ballade in D); Birtwistle Monody for Corpus Christi for soprano, flute, violin and horn); Ligeti (Horn Trio); 8.15 The Horrors of the Horn. See Choice, 8.35 Holt (Maiastra for flute); Brahms (Horn Trio in E flat)

9.40 Cultural Baggage: Fakes. Does authenticity matter? (17/20) 10.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Philharmonic under Yan

Phinamionic urius rai Pascal Tortelier performs Duffleux (Violin Concerto, L'Abre des songes); Roussel (Bacchus et Ariane, Suite No

1) 10.45 Night Waves. Richard Coles reviews the writings of Kahifi Gibran, author of The Prophet 11.30 Composer of the Week. Rubbra (r) 12.30-1.00am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather

#### RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing and weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, and 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Rosa

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-580 4444
10.00-10.30 News; Venom (FM only). The second of a four-part cultural and natural history of venomous animals looks at Scorpions
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd late (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour. Serial: the final part of Joyce Greniell Requests the Pleasure

Walts

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch 12.25pm Double Vision, Miles Kington and Edward Enfield return with the eccentric chat show based on the nice policeman/nasty policeman principle (1/4) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Books and

Company, John Walsh explores the literature of psychoanalysis (r)

2.30 Comparing Notes with
Brian Kay. Brian Kay looks at
the current scene in choir
schools with Martin blook schools with Martin Neary from Weslminster Abbey and Richard Seal from Salisbury

Cathedral
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with
Daire Brehan 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan raviews Melvyn Bragg's historical novel, Credo

Credo
4.45 Short Story: Easy Money, by Fred Daves, Read by Kaltryn Hunt
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Board Genne, chaired by Nigel Cassidy. The panellists are Adhan Chiles, Howard Hodgson, Alastair Ross Goobey and Janette Rutterford
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

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7.20 File on 4. Jerry Cuffe reports
8.00 Science Now, presented by Peter Evans 8.30 The New Sexual Nature.

9.00 in Touch. Peter White presents news, views and information for visually impaired people 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59

Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with sabel Hitton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Stalin's Nose (2/10) 11.00 Mediumway 11.00 Mediumwave. The week in the media 11.30-12.00 Four Corners (FM

only). Officeat travel and urusual expenences. Anne Enright visits Daker in Senegal. There are also senegal. There are also reports from Joe Kerr in Paris and Michael Rizpatrick in Japan's British Hills (5/6) (r) 11.30 Today in Parliament (LW) 12.00 News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.30 The Late Book: Devil in a Blue Dress, by Walter Mosley. Read by Paul Winfield (2/10) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1,00 As

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DAMON HILL departed and let complacency sink in chicken and chips and a couple of glasses of cham-pagne to celebrate his crush-Grand Prix. he and his wife. Georgie, set off for a coastal resort without confirming their reservation. Five hours and a couple of grand-prix distances later, they were

It was the first time Hill had

about the possibility of three, even four, successive wins, but that was as far as it went. The rest was caution and modesty personified, allied to warnings that Benetton and Ferrari could still come back

The fact is, though, that



Hill: modest approach

WORD-WATCHING

(b) A country bumpkin. A laborious pun on the countryman's dialect joss to bump + kin. "The best thing she could do was to go back and marry the joskin that followed the plough."

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(c) The name of a North American genus of Finches, the Snow-birds. From the Spanish junco are, Latin iuncus a rush. "Birds which had been isolated might be presumed to have acquired some slight but real idiosyncrasy of voice and language. But if this is true of the Carolina junco, I failed to satisfy myself of the fact."

(b) A blockish or stupid head, a ludicrous term for the head, usually connoting stupidity. Evidently a portmanteau of jobard a fool + noti a head, but evidence of the historical connection is incomplete. "The Giant, heightened by the ell-long bonnet and feather on his huge jobbernowl."

(b) The end of a roof not hipped down to the level of the opposite adjoining walls, the gable being carried higher than the level of those walls. Perhaps from jerk, as if the slope were jerkily interrupted. "A Jerkinhead is a form of roofing which is half-gable, half-hip. The gable generally goes as high as the ties of the couples, above which the roof is hipped off."

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# Convincing the public is an inexact science

f my garden is bone dry when I go to bed tonight but spotted with puddles when I wake up tomorrow I am entitled to say that it has rained during the night. The fact that I have seen no rain fall is neither here nor there, but a scientist would ask me to consider the possibility that a 757 has emptied its water tanks over my house.

After a great cloud containing radioactive iodine spread along the southern part of Belorussia following the Chernobyl nuclear meltdown in 1986, there were 600 cases of thyroid cancer in children in the area over the next nine years. In the previous 20 years, there had been 20 cases. Ergo, the cloud caused the cancer as surely as the night brought the rain. Certain scientists wish us to believe that doctors have found cancer because they went looking

The conclusion that the radioac-

tive iodine caused the cancer is driven by common sense, which has wider implications. It explains, among other things, why the beef industry has temporarily collapsed: ordinary people take the view that if it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck then it probably is a duck, whatever Stephen Dorrell might wish us to

Thus was last night's Horizon (BBCZ) a most timely update on the fallout, so to speak, from Chernobyl Indeed Horizon had much to tell us about the BSE crisis. It had something to teach Mr Dorrell, too, especially concerning his fatal error in believing that the British public regards scientists as people who sit on the right hand of God.

Consider this: "I had one comment from an official in a major organisation saying it was quite wrong that we should have publicised that something was concrete proof and that it created a feeling of panic among the community.

No. not BSE but Chernobyl. Not feed infected from the remains of animals but food and water and the very air infected with radioactive iodine (which should not be confused with "stable iodine", used in many excellent treatments).

Iwo British scientists, Dr Keith Baverstock of the World Health Organisation and Professor Sir Dillwyn Williams of Cambridge University. have led the field in exposing the link between Chernobyl and thyroid cancer in children. Williams made the remark quoted above. He and Baverstock have made short shrift of the 1992 report, commissioned by the International Atomic Energy Agency, which claimed that there was no evidence of long-term health effects.

REVIEW



Peter Barnard

Horizon, which has done excellent work in pursuing the Chemobyl story over the years, suggested a possible link between that report from the IAEA, which is an American-dominated organisation, and American experiments with radioactive iodine after the Second World War.

In these, radioactive iodine was released into the atmosphere so that ways of controlling an escape of the material could be investigated. Clearly, any formal recognition that radioactive inding caused cancer in Belorussia might bring some chickens home to roost back in the USA.

Horizon went to Belorussia, along with Baverstock and Williams. There we met dismayed parents and suffering children, none of whom had been told anything after Chernobyl Even when soldiers arrived in their towns, washing down their houses and in some cases replacing their roofs with new ones, no reason was offered for this seemingly bizarre behaviour.

That is because in the then Soviet Union, ordinary mortals were not entitled to know anything. In Britain, things are different. The Soviet Union had a shackled media, we have a free one. The British Government says that the beef crisis is caused by "mad newspaper disease". Even if there is something in that, it is a benign infection, compared with

ith the exception of This Life (BBC2), I detest all V soap opera. The rest of the genre is not worth a row of beans, for it creates utterly artificial climaxes at the end of each episode. Nothing could be further from real life. Whereas This Life involves noth-

ing much happening, but with a lot of panache. The show, with its third episode last night, has the five house mates fully up to speed (and various other drugs). Cleverly, the writer, Amy Jenkins, uses invasion by outsiders to create most of the tensions: last night it was the dreadful bulimic druggie Delilah, alleged "model", and the charming cancer victim McLeary.

Junior solicitor Egg, bored with a case about a lorry, gets a fillip when handed the McLeary file:

"The best thing about him is that he isn't a lorry." Unfortunately Egg lets himself get emotionally involved, though not with any encouragement from McLeary.

At one point Egg makes an awkward stab at sympathy, telling McLeary it must be awful to know that you are going to die. McLeary's response throws away the standard textbook on dreary. soap opera pathos: "When are you going to die? No, I don't know either, so we're both in the same boat, mate."

McLeary was pursuing a compensation case because he believed drugs given him as a boy caused the cancer. But it never went to court: McLeary checked into a hospice and took an overdose. It turned out that he knew when he wanted to die.

Egg had learnt a lesson all solicitors need to learn early. As he said: "I think I get it now ... McLeary is a lorry."

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BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (83956) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (78289) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax) (7206840)

9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (7439802) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (1599395) 10.30 Good Morning (s) (64753)

12.00 News (Ceefax) (6292005)12.05pm Room for Improvement (s) (8070395) 12.35 Going for Gold with the effervescent Henry Kelly (s) (3121753)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (71376) 1.30 Regional News and weather (94863550) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceetax) (s) (44972314) 2.00 FILM: A Twist of the Knife (1993)

Medical mystery starring Dick Van Dyke, Suzanne Pleshette and Barry Van Dyke. Directed by Jerry London (61395) 3.30 Playdays (r) (1011208) 3.50 Bodger and Badger (r) (s) (7038482) 4.00 (r) Alvin and the Chipmunks (5005163) 4.10 Dennis the Menace (Ceefex) (s)

(2201395) 4.35 Out of Tune (Ceefax) (s) (9800005) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (1313956) 5.10 The Lowdown (Ceefax) (s) (1502260) 5.35 Neighbours (1) (Ceefax) (s) (367482)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceelax) (53) 6.30 Regional news magazines (55) 7.00 Holiday. Vacation Ideas from home and abroad (Ceefax) (s) (6395)

7.30 EastEnders. Peggy's matchmaking begins to annoy Grant (Ceetax) (s) (89) 8.00 Great Ormand Street. Doctors deliberate over whether to operate to remove six-year-old Hayley's cancerous

turnour or to continue with a course of

chemotherapy (Ceefax) (5043) 8.30 The Brittas Empire. Against the odds, a bright idea from Brittas has become a European directive (4550) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) regional

news and weather (5260) 9.30 Men Behaving Badly: Gary and Tony stretch the boundaries of good taste even further With Martin Clunes and Neil Morrissey (r) (Ceefax) (s) (99821)

10.00 Cardiac Arrest (Ceefax) (s) (82(43) N.L.: 10.00 Down the Street of Dreams 11.10 Cardiac Arrest 11.40 They Think It's All Over 12.10am The Road to Golgotha 12.25 A Reflection for Passover 12.40 FILM: Jake Speed 2.20 Weather

19.30 They Think It's All Over. Nick Hancock comperes a game of laddish wit and sporting knowledge with David Gower, Gary Lineker, Rory McGrath and Lee Harst. The guests are Kriss Akabusi and John Gordon Sinclair (37937)

11.30 The Road to Golgotha. Rob Duncan reflects on the trial of Jesus (s) (937753) 11.45 A Reflection for Passover. With Rabbi Leslie Olsberg (s) (932208)

12.00 FILM: From Noon Till Three (1976) with Charles Bronson and Jill Ireland, Uneasy cornedy western about a small-time outlaw having an affair with a woman who (believing him dead) turns him into a fictional hero. Directed by Frank D. Gilroy (151613)

1.35am Weather (5838845)

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BBC2 6.00am Open University: A Feel for Space

(7030550) 6.25 Industrial Democracy (7059685) 6.50 Working Mothers (8033227) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceetax and signing) (4110550) 7.30 The Record (7903598)

7.55 Christopher Crocodile (f) (1723579) 8.00 Poddington Peas (f) (5741444) 8.05 Oakie Doke (f) (s) (5764395) 8.15 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (Ceefax) (7252753) 8.40 Blue Peter (r) (Ceetax) (s) (8950937) 9.05 Mighty Max (s) (7456579) 9.30 Activ8 (r) (Ce

(45181) 10.00 Playdays (r) (s) (6284111) 10.25 Star Trek (r) (4596208) 10.50 The Tick (f) (1457260) 11.10 Randali and Hopkirk (Deceased) (f) (8125005) 12.00 See Hear! (Ceetax and signing) (89956) 12.30pm Working Lunch

1.00 Poddington Peas (r) (16971918) 1.05 Oalde Doke (r) (s) (42194531)

1.15 Consuming Passions (r) (16969173) 1.20 Speaking of Courage (3815314) 2.10 The Andrew Nell Show (s) (5401192) 3.00 News (Ceelax) (7167550) 3.05 Westminster (Ceefax) (s) (7157685) 3.55 News (Ceefax)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (18) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (42) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceefax) (s) (4986181)



Clare Short, Labour MP (5.40pm)

5.40 The Ladles of the House: Clare Short, MP (896579) 6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (s) (336173) 6.25 Heartbreak High (Ceetax) (s) (234192) 7.10 The Ren and Stimpy Show (Ceelax) (s)

7.30 From the Edge. Magazine made for and by disabled people about issues which affect them. Mike Scarlet wheels his way onto the catwalk to talk to disabled models who are making it in the fashion world (Ceefax) (s) (31) 8.00 One Foot in the Past: BruneL A

celebration of the world's first modern engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel (r)

8.30 Food and Drink. Fish stew, Easter lamb and reasonably priced rose wines are briskly dealt with tonight (Ceefax) (s) 9.00 Murder One. Legal drama following a

single high-profile case both in and out of the courtroom. (Ceefax) (s) (158395) 9.45 Straight from the Heart. Documentary series about true-life love (Ceefax) (s)

10.30 Newsnight. With Kirsty Wark (Ceefax)

11.15 Moving Pictures. Film magazine, presented by Howard Schuman. David Lynch's Lost Highways on location; Oscar-winning Susan Sarandon on Dead Man Walking, a Kieslowski tribute (290116) 12.00 The Midnight Hour with Lesley

Riddoch (s) (12574) 12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

The Ladies of the House

BBC2, 5.40pm Gloria Hunniford talks to nine women MPs, and Baroness Castle of Blackburn, about life in a male-dominated world. Clare Short, Labour's Transport Shadow, opens the series in typically combative mood, and although the interview goes over mainly familiar ground she gives good value. Her attempt to ban Page Three girls inevitably comes up. The surprise is not so much the abuse she received from the newspapers she attacked as the sniggering reaction of fellow (male) MPs. The House of Commons, she says, can be lough and very cruel. She thinks it would be a better place with more women in it, though not because all woman are saints. As to whether she would make a good Prime Minister, Short offers no false modesty. But she admits she is not the kind of person likely to be offered the job.

Without Walls Channel 4, 9.00pm

The journalist Jaci Stephen delivers a passionate tirade against laddishness, as represented by Men Behaving Badly, Fantasy Football League and Loaded magazine. These new lads, she says, are really old, sexist lads reconstituted, and they are turning their backs on the real world in a mindless pursuit of booze, women and football. Stephen's theory is that the phenomenon is a response to increasing powerlessness and vulnerability. She even gers some men to agree. In tonight's other film the creator and original cast of Z-Cars recall a mould-breaking television police series. For the actors, there was the terror of going out live. For the viewer, a hard and unsentimental view of policing replaced the cosiness of Dixon of Dock Green. Some real police officers applauded, others thought the show gave the force a bad image.

Cardiac Arrest: The Body Electric BBC1, 10.00pm

It is a curious show that can carry a serious discussion about donating human organs for transplants but at other times seems like a 1990s remake of Carry On Doctor. John MacUre's series can certainly claim to be unlike any other medical drama. But this is mainly because it mixes so many moods, from black humour to no humour, from the facetious to the heart-stopping. When a man is brought in with a brain haemorrhage there is ribald comment among the junior doctors. He collapsed while he was enjoying his conjugal rights, ho. ho. But his young wife, soon to be his widow, is not amused and perhaps we should not be either. There is a better joke, for those with a taste for such things, about a parient who bites off another man's finger and swallows it. "Try vomiting," suggests the consultant.

Savage Skies: Monsters from the Deen ITV. 10.40pm (Scottish 11.15pm, Ülster

Typhoons, cyclones, hurricanes — they are the same thing under different names but all can be terrifyingly destructive. "It sounded like the end of the world," says a Florida woman of Hurricane Andrew, which in 1992 destroyed 200,000 homes and businesses and claimed 53 lives. This is a compelling series, defuly mixing meteorological explanation with human stories and backing both with spectacular footage. Although hurricanes can be detected early, once they get going nothing can stop them. No wonder the American Indians settled well away from coasts. Britain does not have hurricanes. The 122mph gusts which ravaged southern England in October 1987 were a storm, though those caught in it may think the distinction academic. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (9200276) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (7447821)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6261260) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (2874753) 10.35 This Morning (44674753) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (6298289)

12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (3117550) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (3132869)

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7.00 Emmerdale, Dave finally puts his foot down with Kim (Teletext) (s) (1463) 7.30 West Eye View. Investigative current affairs (Telelext) (85)

8.00 The Bill: Party Pooper. Questions are raised about Slater when he appears to mishandle two thugs at a party (s) (9181) 8.30 Married for Life. Pam and Ted's neighbours need their approval to build an extra room, but no agreement can be reached on who should have the final say (Teletext) (s) (6918)



Shepherd and Wickham (9.00pm)

9.00 Peak Practice. Erica's intervention on the part of a kidney patient affects Will's opinion of her, With Simon Shepherd and Saskia Wickham (Teletext) (s) (8227) 10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (77111)

10.30 Regional News (717753) 10.40 Savage Skies: Monsters from the Deep (Teletext)

(631024) 11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (764111) 12.35 FILM: In Love and War (1987) starring Jane Alexander, James Woods and

Haing S. Ngor. Graphic portrayal of the lives of a married couple in the US military. While he languishes in a Hanoi prison in Vietnam for eight years, she steadfastly campaigns for news and highlights the plight of military wives. Directed by Paul Aaron (561628) 2.25 Late & Loud (s) (7219135)

3.25 The Chart Show (r) (s) (3029834) 4.20 Football Extra (r) (5201406) 5.00 The West at Work (65512) 5,30 Morning News (40357)

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New Lads (30970) 12.30 C4D: Z Cars (25311)

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2.00 FILM: Knight Without Armour (1937, 6/w) with Robert Donat, Marlene Die and John Clements. A romantic adventure set in post-Revolution Russia. Directed by Jacques Feyder (Teletext)

4.00 Jimmy's (r) (Teletext) (s) (14) 4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (98) 5.00 The Montel Williams Show (Teletext) (s) (7759208) **5.50 Terrytoons** (775537) 6.00 The Avengers (r) (Teletext) (10314)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (649395) 7.55 The Slot (966918)

8.00 Motor Mania. The penultimate programme in the series tracing the story f motoring looks at the long tradition of bad driving (Teletext) (8753)

8.30 Brookside. (Telelext) (s) (7260)

9.00 Without Walls: J'Accuse — The New Lads. (Teletext) (s)



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9.30 CHOICE Without Walls: C4PD — Z Cars (Teleted) (s) (82531) 10.00 And the Beat Goes On. Ritchie is trying to come to terms with his disastrous honeymoon in Blackpool with Cathy while preparing himself to become Britain's answer to Eddie Cochran Christine is causing a scandal, but nothing like as big as the one caused by her mother (Teletext) (s) (3735208)

11.05 Big Mouth. The third of a series of nine

programmes in which the opinionated Tony Parsons discusses anything under the sun with his guests (s) (396802)

12.10am Nurses. Casey and Hank get to know their enemies when Jack tricks Casey on a date (Teletext) (s) (1060999)

12.40 Football Italia — Mezzanotte. Udinese v Sampdoria (4785390)

1.40 Fil.M: Shining Victory (1941, b/w) starring James Stephenson, Geraldine Fitzgerald and Montagu Love. A romantic weepie, based on A.J. Cronin's play Jupiter Laughs, about a brilliant research scientist who is forced to work in

a Scottish mental hospital when a jea rival steals his papers. At the hospital he finds love, tragedy and his true vocation. Directed by Irving Rapper (6355203).

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Muscling in: Kristol, the Oxford cox, lines up with his colleagues for the official Boat Race weigh-in held at the Hurlingham Club yesterday. Photograph: Des Jenson

#### High prices held responsible for unsold tickets at Cup semi-finals

# FA considers more cheap seats

By PETER BALL

THE almost unprecedented sight of rows of empty seats at the FA Cup semi-finals on Sunday has forced the Football Association to review its ticketing structure. Only Chelsea, of the four semi-finalists. sold out their allocation as supporters balked at the high

At Old Trailord, with Jew £14 scats available, there were more than 10,000 empty places as Liverpool and Aston Villa supporters refused to pay £30 and £38. United also returned tickets for their semifinal at Villa Park. By contrast, the Scottish Cup semi-final between Celtic and Rangers at Hampden Park this Sunday is a sell-out. Tickets are priced at

our prices. However, our ticket structure may need to be addressed." Steve Double, the FA press officer, said vesterday. "It seems we have too many seats in the too band and not enough cheap seats. Obviously, the demand for tickets was not there at Old Trafford and that was disappointing and unfortunate.

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15 Winged spirit; old coin (5)

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4 Haunt mind (6)

8 Waterless (4)

corps (8)

2 10 Insulting scorn (9)

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staying away as they had been at Wembley the week before. Liverpool fans obviously didn't want to pay those prices, although the seats at Old Trafford afford good £13 and £14. "We have no plans to review

The FA, however, has had no qualms, probably rightly, about charging up to £115 to see the Cup Final. Prices for the rematch between the 1977 finalists are £17, £25, £30, £35, £40, £45 and £60 in the open seats, with the Olympic Gallery tickets costing £100 and The clubs will each get

25,500 tickets, and in both cases demand is likely to outstrip supply. "It is a good spread of prices to suit all fans," Double said. "We don't expect any empty seats at this game."

Empty seats were not the only problem at Villa Park. With the European championship little more than two months away, the bare pitch also gave rise for concern.

"I can't see it being ready unless they turf it." Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said yesterday. "It depends on the weather. If they get a hot May, it might be all right, but if they are seeding it, I couldn't see it being ready." The club is unconcerned, however. Villa's last home game is on April 27 and the

FRANK BRUNO may be

down but he may not be quite

out of the heavyweight picture.

He could challenge for the

world championship for a

It all depends on the next moves of Mike Tyson and

Lennox Lewis. If Lewis cannot

agree terms with Don King.

Tyson's promoter, for his bout

with the champion in Septem-

ber, as decreed by the World

Boxing Council (WBC), Tyson

is likely to give up the title he won from Bruno rather than

face Lewis outside King's do-

main. If that happens, Bruno

could have an outside chance

of stepping in to challenge for

the vacant title. Oliver

McCall, of the United States,

Henry Akinwande, of Dul-

wich, and Bruno are the only

legitimate contenders the

WBC could call on if Tyson did

McCall is the most likely to

find favour with the WBC as

he has a win over Lewis. But if

McCall should not be avail-

able, Bruno could be the

WBC's choice. As the man

who beat McCall and troubled

Lewis for six rounds, he is the

more solid opponent for Lewis

Doubts about whether Tyson would meet Lewis were

raised when a letter from the

WBC to Lewis arrived yester-

than Akinwande.

step down.

fifth time.

first European championship match at the ground is on June

10, giving them more than six

weeks to repair the damage.

"The groundsman is starting

seeding this week," Steven

Stride, the Villa secretary, said

yesterday. "It will certainly

have recovered by the first

Manchester United will have to pursue the FA Carling

match of the championship."

Premiership title without their

first-choice central defenders,

at least until after Faster

Steve Bruce, who joined Gary

before the semi-final, is expect-

ed to be out with a pulled

hamstring for two weeks.

Pallister on the injured list

Bruce, left, and Pallister, both of whom are injured

tight all week," Ferguson said. "He was ready to try it on Saturday morning. He did, but it was hopeless - I think he 'pinged' it a little. He might have a wee chance for the game at Southampton on April 13, but it's a worry with

Pallister already out."
Pallister's back injury is causing United further concern. There were suggestions esterday that he honed to be back in time for the Cup Final. "I hope he is available before that," Ferguson said, "but it is a strange one. He is doing remedial work in the gym and should be much closer in a couple of weeks, but we've got to be patient."



Gareth Southgate is likely to miss the rest of the season after damaging knee liga-ments in the Old Trafford game. The injury rules the Aston Villa defender out of England's match against Croatia on April 24 and casts doubt over his participation in the European championship.

Darren Anderton, the England and Tottenham Hotspur midfield player, faces another vital stage in his rehabilitation when he plays against West Ham United reserves at Upton Park tonight. If he comes through unscathed, he could be recalled to the first-team squad for the FA Carling Premiership match at Nottingham Forest on Saturday.

Anderton, 24, has not played since September, when he underwent groin surgery. He has had to endure several setbacks during a lengthy recovery period but played in a reserve-team game against Brighton last week. He was replaced at half-time as a precaution.

"Darren has still got a few aches and pains but that's understandable." Tony Lenaghan, the Tottenham physiotherapist, said yesterday. "His muscles are getting used to all the change and that takes

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## Bruno in running again

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

#### SRU bans lock for 19 months DAVID McKENDRICK.

the Biggar lock, has received a 19-month suspension from the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) for his part in disturbances that marred his side's 14-6 Tennents Cup victory over

Ayr in February. McKendrick was sent off, along with Kenny Nicol of Ayr, by Charles Muir, the international panel referee. McKendrick had been involved in an off-the-ball incident earlier in the match which led to Jim Lymburn, the Ayr captain, being taken to hospital with a serious

head injury. That incident was not witnessed by the referee, but the SRU's disciplinary panel yesterday suspended McKendrick until Octo-

ber 18, 1997. The ban covers 60 playing weeks and is one of the most severe meted out by the SRU, which last season banned Bill Blyth, the Murrayfield prop, for five years for punching in a game against Leith Academicals.

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day assuring him of a title bout in September but not guaranteeing Tyson as the opponent. In fact, three of the five points in the letter to Lewis were concerned with the

WBC's options if Tyson decided to give up the title. Lewis's financial backer, Panos Eliades, said he was handing the WBC letter to solicitors. Eliades is insisting that Tyson should be the opponent for Lewis, as the Superior Court of New Jersey had ruled recently.

"If the WBC wants me to drop our law suit against it, any agreement will have to have Tyson's signature guaranteeing a fight with Lennox."

Lewis: seeking Tyson

mind Tyson fighting Bruce Seldon [the World Boxing Association champion be tween now and September so long as Tyson signs to fight Lennox. If he runs it will be a sign that he is afraid of Lennox.

"If that happens we could sue for huge damages. The judge said Lennox had an excellent case for damages as he has suffered irreparable harm as a result of the WBC letting Tyson fight Bruno before Lennox."

Even though the boxing historian in Tyson would resist giving up the belt, he could be forced into it because of commercial considerations bigger even than him. It might be necessary for Tyson to safeguard the interests of Showtime, the United States cable television company that has been behind him since he

came out of prison. If Tyson agreed to defend against Lewis the bout would go to purse offers and Lewis's company, Panix Promotions, supported by Home Box Office (the rival television company to Showtime) could well win the right to stage the bout. That would not suit Showtime or the MGM Grand Hotel. who have contracts with

# Crews maintain the balance of probabilities

By MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

IN A year when followers of rowing seem more uncertain of the outcome of the Boat Race on Saturday than the bookmakers, the official weigh-in at the Hurlingham Club yesterday did little to clarify the situation. Oxford were found to have an advantage of just 11b per man.

Ladbrokes and William Hill quote Cambridge as favourites, the former at 7-2 on, the latter at 2-1. Oxford are quoted at 9-4 and 6-4 respectively.

Despite Cambridge having the oldest competitor - Nick Burfitt, 29, a veteran of the Seoul and Barcelona Olympics — the average age difference between the crews is also minimal, Cambridge the elder at 23 years nine months, Oxford at 23 years six months.

According to Adam Frost, the Oxford stroke and the youngest performer at 21 years and five months, age is not an issue. In his case, with Great Britain junior honours and an impressive Henley record from 1991 to 1993 in Eton's colours, he could be right. His attitude is a mature one. "The Boat Race is very different from rowing at school level. It's stimulating because it's

The only record of the day was claimed by Ethan Ayer, of the United States, Cambridge's No 5 man and a recipient of one of the university's Alf Twinn rowing bursaries. A tape-measure found him to be 6ft 83 ins tall, beating the height record of 6ft 812 ins set by Gavin Stewart, who stroked Oxford to their win in 1987, the "mutiny" year. Ayer's compatriot, Todd Kristol, the Oxford cox, nearly earned a different height record when he admitted to being 5ft lin "when my hair is frizzed up", which made him marginally taller than Hart

Massey, who steered Oxford in 1939. Ayer is also the heaviest

man in either crew at 15st 6lb. well outside the 17st 51b record. but the man behind him in the Cambridge crew, Sebastian Dawson-Bowling, has achieved a post-war landmark in his quest for a Blue, dropping from 16st 10lb last September to a svelte 14st 12lb, despite his

oft 7in frame.

The weigh-in official, BBC commentator Robert Treharne-Jones, managed to live up to the tradition of April I by mistakenly announcing Cambridge as the heavier crew. "It seemed the perfect opportunity," he said. "The weigh-in never goes entirely smoothly.



at least behind the scenes, so from that point of view nothing was really different."

Action on the water yesterday did little to inform onlookers about the race on Saturday, which will start at 3.30. Cambridge, after a week at Nottingham where they suffered mixed weather but had the previously ailing James Ball back in the stroke seat, had two quiet outings on

the Tideway.
Oxford also had two gentle paddles in preparation for a 🕏 race today against a strong Old Blues crew composed of seven members of the present Olympic squad, including Matthew Pinsent.
TODAY'S OUTINGS: Cambridge 10am and 4.0 Oxford 10am and 4.30pm (with Old Blues)

#### BOAT PACE WEIGHTS

Oxford University

E. J. Bellamy. (Hampton, Durham University and Kable) bow 13st 3lb (84kg); D.R. H. Clegg. (Radlay, University College, London and Kable) 13st 12lb (88kg); J.F. Hammond. (Harvard and New College) 13st 5½lb (85kg); D.R. West. (Dulwich. King's. College, London and St. Catherine's) 13st 3lb (84kg); B. Marm. (Yale and Keble) 15st ½lb (95.5kg); J.W. Howick (Dartmouth, Concordia and Keble) 13st 4lb (84.5kg); P.A. Berger. (Univ. of Pennsylvania and University), 14st 13½lb (95kg); A.R.A. Frost. (Elon and Oriel) stroke 14st 2½lb (90kg); T.B. Kristol (Harvard and Oriel) 7st 7½lb (48kg). Crew average: 13st 12%lb (88.3kg)

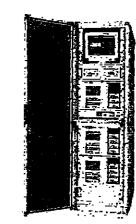
Cambridge University

J R Eliott (Winchester Colf and Trinity)
13st 7½lb (86.g), M P C Barrett
(Harrogate GS and Queens') 13st 8½lb
(86.5kg): N J Burfatt (Wimbledon Colf,
Imperial and St George's MS, and
Emmanuel) 13st 8½lb (86.5kg) S J
Dawson-Bowling (King's, Cariterbury
and Magdalene) 14st 12lb (94.5kg): E
Ayer (Harvard and St Edmund's) 15st
6b (98kg): H G C Clarke (Taunton and
Trinity Hall) 13st 1b (83kg): R M Waller
(Emanuel and Downing) 13st 1b
(83kg): J F E Ball (King's, Chester and
Robinson) stroke 13st 3lb (84kg): K
Whyman (King's, Chester and
Peterhouse) 8st ½lb (51kg). Crew
average 13st 11½lb (87.7kg).

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